KEICHI'S SHOP
giggle
YA EE!
STOP WAKING ME UP THAT WAY!

NO! NOOO!
OH, DON'T BE SO COY YOU KNOW IT'S YOUR HEART'S DESIRE
The Battle For Keiichi
鉄人
定金水茶
鉄人十八号
CUP GUM
Wisobux
200 2-PLY
TISSUE PAPER

EC GUN
GUTTY-AUG

BZZ BZZ BZZT
HELLLP!
IF SOMETHING DON'T CHANGE SOON...
I'M GONNA CRACK...
OH, KEIICHI!
IS IT PEORTH AGAIN?
UH, NO, NO.

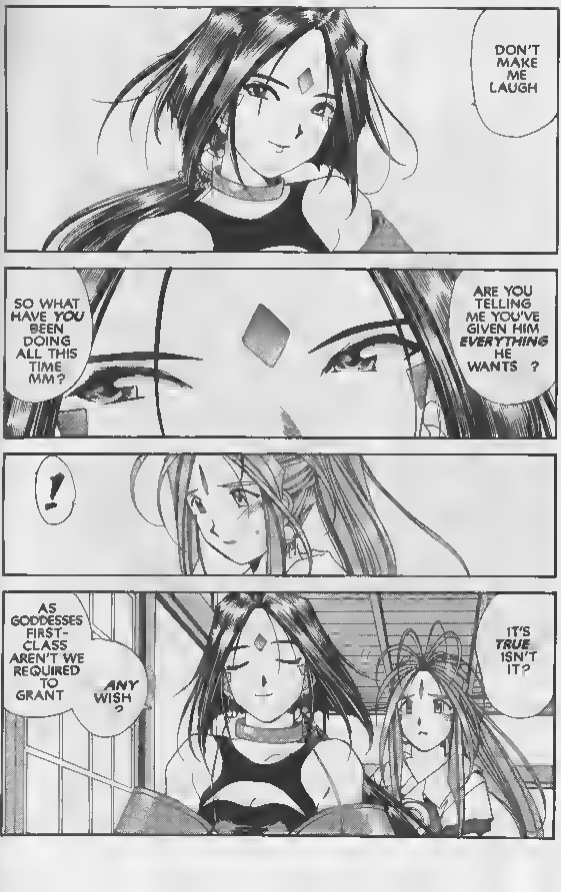
AH, HA, HA! I'M FINE FINE!
-Sighh-
I JUST DON'T GET IT
I'M DOING ALL I CAN AND HE *STILL* WON'T GET WITH THE PROGRAM
AH?! *SACRE BLEU!* DON'T TELL ME
IS THE POOR BOY *MONOGAMOUS?!*
OH HOW *TRAGIC!*
IF ONLY I HAD REALIZED SOONER I COULD HAVE SPARED YOU *SUCH* SUFFERING!

HANG IN THERE DEAR KEICHI!
PEORTH SHALL SAVE THEE!
CASTLE URD
NOW THEN HMM WHICH ONE IS IT?
SUPER GROWTH POTION, GIANT X
M-BOY-TYPE OXYGUM
LOOKS LIKE YOUR USUAL POINTLESS POTIONS URD
BUT WHERE IS THE ONLY ONE THAT MATTERS?
AH! HERE WE ARE!
THE SEEDS OF LOVE!*

* REMEMBER THIS ONE? (SEE THE GRAPHIC NOVEL *"LOVE POTION No. 9"*.) IT MAKES WHOEVER TAKES IT FALL IN LOVE WITH THE FIRST PERSON THEY SEE. -Ed

HMPH! THE SEEDS OF LOVE... SUCH A... A JEJUNE DRUG. I MEAN IT MAKES YOU FALL IN LOVE WITH ANYONE
A PILL THAT MAKES YOU LOVE ONLY PEORTH!
SO I SHALL IMPROVE IT FOR YOU, URD.
POF!
...INTO A POTION TRES ELEGANT!
I DUB THEE... THE CRYSTAL TEARDROP OF LOVE!
AAH. HAS NOT EVEN THE NAME A REFINED AND GRACEFUL RING?
SHHHK
PEORTH...?
AAK!

WHA-?
EH!?
WHEW!!! THANK GOD! IT'S ONLY BELLDANDY
PEORTH
I KNOW YOU'RE JUST TRYING YOUR VERY BEST TO FULFILL YOUR CONTRACT.
BUT
BUT I MUST ASK THAT YOU DO NOT BURDEN KEIICHI ANY FURTHER WITH YOUR YOUR PROVOCATIVE BEHAVIOR
OH *REALLY?*


DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH
SO WHAT HAVE YOU BEEN DOING ALL THIS TIME MM?
ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU'VE GIVEN HIM EVERYTHING HE WANTS ?
!
AS GODDESSES FIRST-CLASS AREN'T WE REQUIRED TO GRANT ANY WISH ?
IT'S TRUE ISN'T IT?

UNLIKE YOU, I INTEND TO SATISFY HIS EVERY DESIRE
THAT'S ALL
SO FISH OR CUT BAIT, BELLDANDY
OH !

=phewww=
I'M BOILING
I THOUGHT IT'D BE A LITTLE BETTER IN THE SHADE BUT
AH
THANKS A LOT
MY PLEASURE
ACK!
P-PEORTH!

D-DON'T TELL ME YOU SUSPECT ME OF PUTTING SOMETHING IN IT?!
HOW CRUEL! HAVE YOU NO CONCERN FOR MY FEELINGS...?
EEP! ALRIGHT, ALRIGHT ALREADY! I'LL DRINK IT!
R-REALLY?
OH I'M SO GLAD!
AND REALLY THERE WASN'T ANYTHING IN IT -
BUT THERE IS NOW
BY MY CALCULATIONS, IT SHOULD TAKE EFFECT
IN ABOUT TWO HOURS

WHEN YOU OPEN YOUR EYES YOU'LL BE MY PRISONER OF LOVE
KEIICHI DEAR!
HEY
THAT'S KEIICHI, ISN'T IT? WHATCHA DOING?
UM, ER AH! M-MASTER KEIICHI IS TAKING HIS REST!
SOFTLY NOW! WE MUST STEAL AWAY!
YOU'RE NOT UP TO NO GOOD AGAIN, ARE YOU PEORTH
AT THIS MOMENT OF COURSE, THERE WAS NO WAY THAT PEORTH COULD HAVE KNOWN

...THAT THE CARBON DIOXIDE IN THE SODA HAD AN UNEXPECTED CATALYTIC EFFECT ON HER "CRYSTAL TEARDROP OF LOVE"
AND THAT IT HAD THEREFORE GREATLY ACCELERATED ITS OPERATION
NOR THAT SHE HAD MADE ONE OTHER GRIEVOUS ERROR
ZZZ
KEIICHI?
C'MON, BRO! WAKE UP!
LOOK AT YOU, ZONKED OUT UNDER A TREE!
THE PICTURES ARE READY, RIGHT? I CAME TO SEE THEM, SO--
OOG
UH?

KE-KEICHI?!
OH, IT'S JUST MEGUMI
I LOVE YOU

I LOVE YOU SO MUCH!
WH-WH-WHAT ARE YOU BABBLING ABOUT MEGUMI?!
I... YOU... I MEAN YOU MUST MEAN THAT WARM FAMILIAL SIBLING LOVE... R-RIGHT?!
OH NO!
AFTER ALL THESE YEARS MY EYES HAVE BEEN OPENED TO YOUR MANLY ALLURE KEIICHI
OUR LOVE CAN TRANSCEND THESE FOOLISH BONDS OF BLOOD!
OH NO IT CAN'T!!
AH! KEIICHI MY DARLING!
THEN HOW AM I TO CALM MY RAGING PASSION FOR YOU?!
DON'T ASK ME! NOT MY PROBLEM!

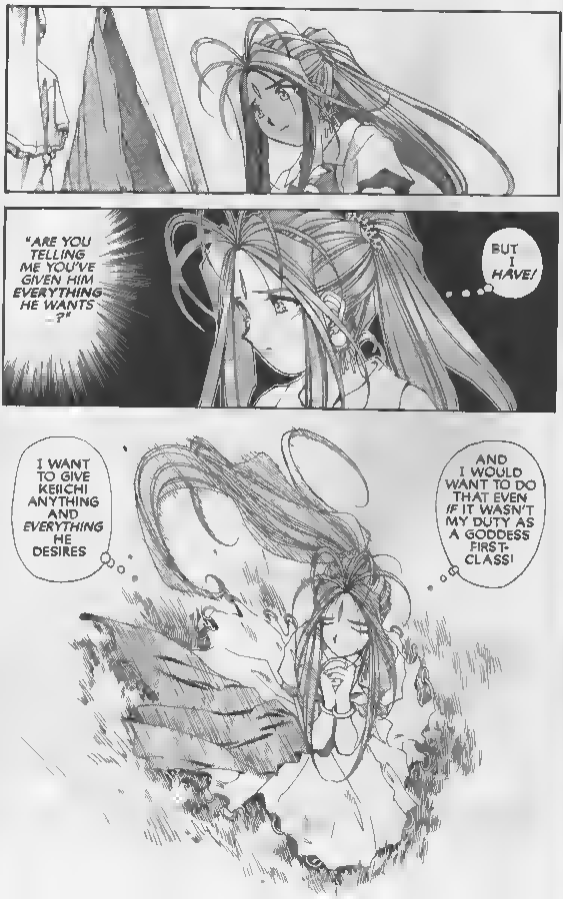
SLAM
WHAT ARE YOU DOING NOW?!
LET ME IN, MY LOVE!
BANG BANG
I CAN HARDLY HEAR THE TV OVER ALL THIS RACKET!
I'M SORRY SKULD
MY SISTER'S GONE CRAZ--
Oh, Keiichi

I ADORE YOU SO!
AAH, THAT FACE RIGID WITH ALARM!
AAH THESE CLOTHES YOU NEVER CHANGE!
SO WILD! SO HOT AND HUNKY!
NOW
NOW LET'S ALL JUST CALM DOWN, HERE
MMM MY DARLING KEI

MEANWHILE
CASTLE URD
HAH!! I KNEW IT! THERE'S ONE MISSING!
PEORTH YOU NASTY LITTLE SNEAK! YOU DID IT AGAIN!
KEICHI!
HONEY?
AND MY SEEDS OF LOVE, OF ALL THINGS. SHEESH
YO, X-BOY!
YOU KNOW WHERE PEORTH IS ?

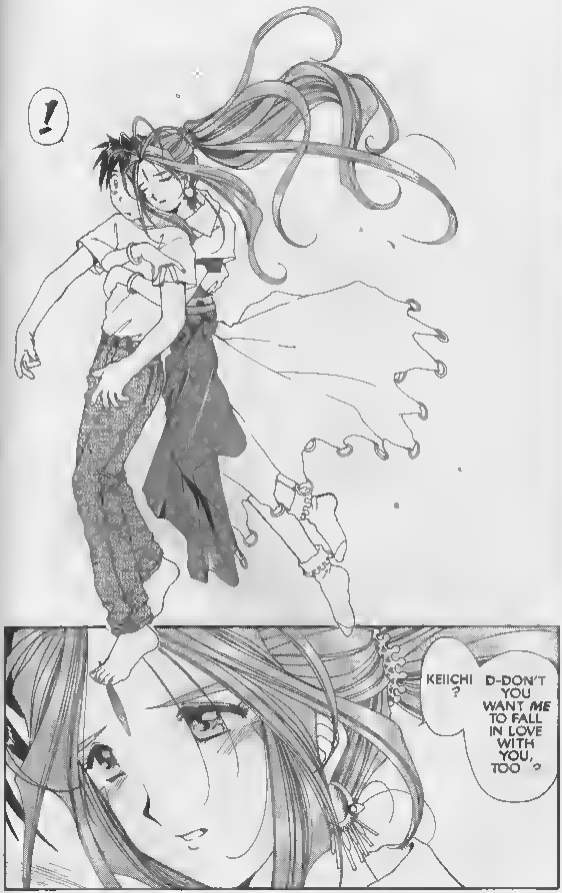
URD!
THANK GOD! MAYBE YOU CAN HELP THEY--
OH! ♥ KEI ICHI ?
KOO!
THAT WAS CLOSE!
KEIICHI YOU
WHOA! WAIT! L-LOOK THE OTHER WAY WILL YOU?
HUM? IM RIGHT

MY GUESS IS THAT IDIOT PEORTH WENT AND DID SOMETHING TO MY SEEDS OF LOVE
BEST I CAN TELL SHE TURNED THEM INTO A SORT OF GENERIC LOVE POTION THAT WORKS ON EVERYONE YOU LOOK AT
WHAT?! WHY'D SHE WANT TO DO THAT?!
MORE LIKE SHE GOOFED
MESSING WITH MY POTIONS ISN'T A GAME FOR AMATEURS
I CAN BELIEVE THAT


"ARE YOU TELLING ME YOU'VE GIVEN HIM EVERYTHING HE WANTS —?"
BUT I HAVE!
I WANT TO GIVE KEIICHI ANYTHING AND EVERYTHING HE DESIRES
AND I WOULD WANT TO DO THAT EVEN IF IT WASN'T MY DUTY AS A GODDESS FIRST-CLASS!

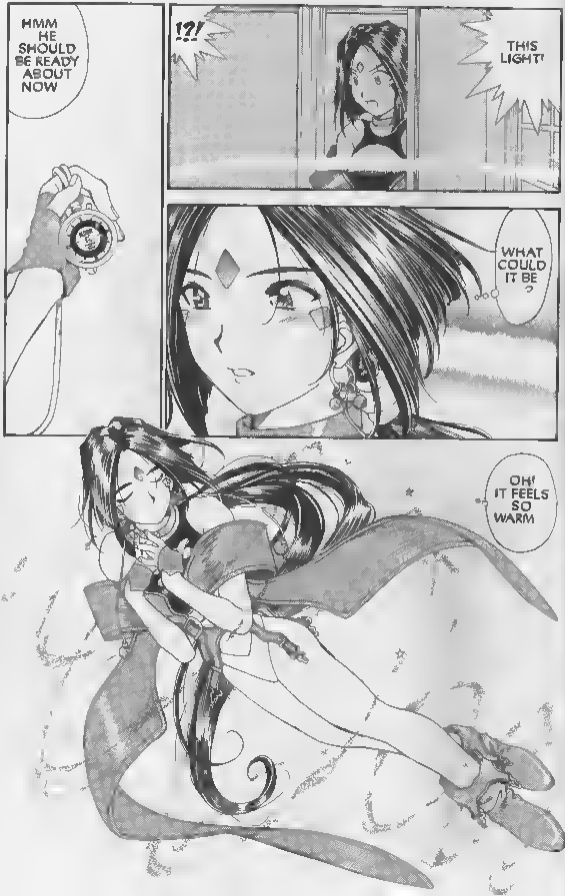
BUT IT'S STILL...
STILL TOO SOON
AH?!
UH
OH
WAHH! B-BELL-DANDY!!
DON'T LOOK AT ME! NOT NOW!
EH?

OOPS
OH, LOVER BOY!
OH— NO.
KIND OF HARD WORK, BEING A STUD
WATCH YOUR MOUTH, SILLY KITTY
HANDS OFF MY BOYFRIEND, BOTH OF YOU!
JACK OF THE LINE, SISTER!
KEIICHI
?
!
WHOA! I TOLD YOU NOT TO LOOK AT ME!
PEORTH USED SOME DRUG ON ME AND--
KEIICHI!


!
KEIICHI ?
D-DON'T YOU WANT *ME* TO FALL IN LOVE WITH YOU, TOO ?

NO! I I MEAN YES, B-BUT
YOU KNOW I STILL HAVE TO BE HERE WITH YOU
AND I STILL WANT TO BE HERE
CAN YOU ACCEPT THAT KEIICHI?
CAN YOU ACCEPT ME BEING HERE WITH YOU?
EVEN EVEN IF
MORE HARD TIMES AWAIT US?
BELL-DANDY!

BELL-DANDY
FOR ME...
THERE'S NEVER BEEN ANY "HARD TIMES" AS LONG AS YOU'VE BEEN WITH ME
AND THERE NEVER COULD BE NOT EVER.
OH GEEZ! I LOOKED!
...!
...?
NOTHING HAPPENED?
KEIICHI...


HMM HE SHOULD BE READY ABOUT NOW
!?!
THIS LIGHT!
WHAT COULD IT BE ?
OH! IT FEELS SO WARM

WOW, WHAT A GREAT DAY, HUN?
YEAH, EVEN MAIDS MAKE ME FEEL ROMANTIC!

HUH? WHAT'M I DOING HERE?
WHOA EVEN I GOT AFFECTED
? ?
FOR A MOMENT I THOUGHT WE WERE IN BIG TROUBLE
YOU WERE IN BIG TROUBLE?! THAT'S MY LINE URD!
STILL YOU KNOW I WONDER WHY IT DIDN'T WORK ON BELLDANDY?

SILLY BOY...
MY POTIONS AREN'T SO POORLY MADE THAT THEY'D SCREW UP A *PERFECT MATCH*
OF *COURSE* IT DIDN'T
YOU *SURE* ABOUT THAT URD?
YOU BET! SHALL I DEMONSTRATE?
NO THANK YOU!
THAT EVENING BENEATH A GLORIOUS SUNSET...
THANKS TO THE POTION URD SLIPPED PEORTH IN REVENGE--
OOH SO YOU'RE THE *STRONG, SILENT* TYPE HMM?
--THE FOURTH GODDESS SHARED HER SWEET WORDS OF LOVE WITH A CERAMIC STATUE
NOT TO WORRY! SHE'LL BE FINE IN THE MORNING!

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The Dating Game

Your hair
You cut it, didn't you?
You look um. beautiful
Oh!
Th thank you.
S Sure
So, uh. wanna go now? The movie's about to start
Um
Sure, okay
I never knew
When someone calls you beautiful
it fills your heart with joy
HUMPH A DATE WITH THE DUMB BOY-FRIEND
FLIP
YEAH, RIGHT

HMM
GO SEE A MOVIE WALK IN THE PARK
THAT KINDA STUFF PASSES FOR A DATE DOWN HERE?
I WONDER IF IT'S ACTUALLY FUN
THIS IS PROBABLY THE SORT OF THING THAT DOPEY LITTLE KID SKULD WOULD LIKE HEH HEH
SLAM
KEIICHI'S BACK!

WELCOME HOME HONEY!
LOOK I DON'T MIND YOU MEETING ME AT THE DOOR
IT'S JUST THE WAY YOU DO IT
DOES NOT THIS PLEASE YOU, MON CHERI?
ENOUGH ALREADY ISN'T IT ABOUT TIME YOU WENT HOME?
OH MY
IF YOU WOULD JUST HURRY UP AND SETTLE ON YOUR HEART'S DESIRE—
I COULD GO HOME ANY-TIME

DESIRE
DESIRE
EVEN YOU MUST HAVE A DESIRE OR TWO
HUH?
DON'T YOU EVER LISTEN TO OTHER PEOPLE?
EH? OH!! GOODNESS ME! KEIICHI'S GOING TO GRANT ME MY WISH?!
HAH?
OOH HOW WONDERFUL!! I CAN FEEL KEIICHI'S LOVE ENVELOP ME!
WHOA! I DIDN'T SAY THAT!
YEESH WHO WOULD EVER EXPECT THAT FROM YOU?
HUH?
BUT STILL

IT DOES SOUND INTERESTING
AND SO
UH HA
OH, MAN!
KENICHI'S SHOP
WHAT AM I GONNA DO NOW?
I MEAN HOW SHOULD I TELL BELL-DANDY?

"JUST ONE REQUEST THEN
"TOMORROW WITH ME
"A DATE, S'IL VOUS PLAIT"
BY THE TIME I CAME TO MY SENSES SHE WAS GONE
DAMN I MUST HAVE BEEN OUT FOR A GOOD FIVE MINUTES!
I COULDN'T EVEN FIND HER TO SAY "NO WAY"
Tea Room
BUT I DON'T WANT TO HIDE ANYTHING FROM BELLDANDY
"I GUESS THE TRICK IS TO ACT LIKE IT'S NO BIG DEAL"
YOU'RE GOING OUT?
WITH PEORTH?

TH-TH-TH-THAT'S RIGHT! WOW! GEE! DON'T KNOW HOW *THAT* HAPPENED! HA HA!
GOSH! WHAT A PAIN!
HMM... MAYBE THAT SOUNDED A BIT UNNATURAL?
COMPLETELY UNNATURAL YOU DOPE!
BUT THAT'S WONDERFUL!
I'LL MAKE A PICNIC LUNCH FOR ALL OF US
R-REALLY?! THANKS A--
WELL, THAT'S ALL RIGHT, THEN!
"FOR..."
EH?
"...ALL OF US."
HUH?

THE NEXT DAY...
THEY ARRANGED TO MEET AT THE FOUNTAIN IN FRONT OF THE STATION AT TEN A.M
BUT IN BEST 'GIRL'S COMICS' FASHION PEORTH IS THERE THIRTY MINUTES EARLY
UUP!
WHOA!
HEH HEH TODAY I AM PERFECTION INCARNATE
AND WHY IS THAT?
DO I HAVE TALK TO HER? NO WAY
@NT
WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE AT 10:00??

BECAUSE I HAVE MASTERED THEM ALL!
THE SECRETS OF *HOMO SAPIENS* DATING!
"YES!! AFTER WATCHING A ROMANTIC MOVIE "
LOOK, DARLING! IT HAS YOUR EYES!
I THINK HIM PRETTY!
" WE'LL DRIFT THROUGH A PEACEFUL WORLD OF FANTASY AT THE AQUARIUM!
"THEN FOLLOWING A DELECTABLE LUNCH
" THE HAPPY COUPLE SEAL THEIR BONDS OF LOVE AT AN OCEANSIDE PARK!
"AND THEN THE NIGHT CATCHES FIRE AT A HOTEL *TRES ÉLEGANT*"
UNFORTUNATELY SHE'S BEEN READING THOSE NAUGHTY COMICS TOO

YOU'RE BRILLIANT, MY DEAR!
NOT A FREE MOMENT LEFT FOR HIM TO GET SECOND THOUGHTS!
HAHAHA!
ER, PEORTH? DID I KEEP YOU WAITING?
HA--
ACK! HE HE'S HERE!
UM LET ME SEE
WHEN HE SAYS 'DID I KEEP YOU WAITING" I SAY
OH, NO! NOT AT ALL!!
EH?

YO!
HOW YA DOING?
WHA
WH-WH-WHAT

WHAT IS THE MEANING OF THIS?!
S SORRY! THINGS SORTA, y'know, HAPPENED
CONTROL, PEORTH!
CONTROL YOURSELF! IF YOU LOSE YOUR TEMPER NOW YOU LOSE EVERYTHING
THERE'S NOTHING TO WORRY ABOUT
HMM... THIS SHOULD GET INTERESTING
I WON'T LET KEIICHI LAY A FINGER ON MY BIG SISTER!
I'LL JUST HAVE TO SHAKE THEM OFF SOME-WHERE
SHE'S THE ONLY ONE I'VE REALLY GOT TO WATCH OUT FOR
GOOD-NESS! I HOPE WE CAN ALL BE FRIENDS!

AH... ON EARTH WE CALL THIS A UM A "MASS DATE"
OH?
SO uh WHAT SHOULD WE DO?
LEAVE THAT TO ME!
I COME ARMED WITH A DETAILED PLAN
AH!
HO HO! OF COURSE! I KNOW THAT!!
YOU DO?
A TRUE DATE STARTS
WITH THIS!
NEKOMI THEATER
DIRECTOR: JIMI BUTTON
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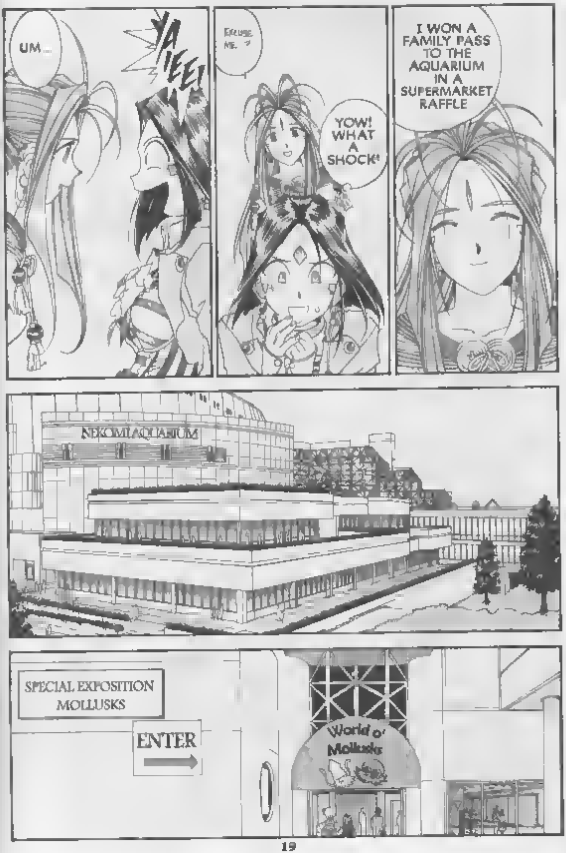
SORRY
WE CAN T AFFORD ENOUGH TICKETS
HEY!
LISTEN
HERE
BOY!
WHAT WERE YOU PLANNING TO DO THEN BUNT IT?
I I PLANNED I JUST EP
EXCUSE ME ?
I BROUGHT SOME TICKETS TO A MOVIE PREMIERE TODAY
I GOT THEM WHEN I RENEWED THE NEWSPAPER DELIVERY
OH GREAT! I CAN ALWAYS COUNT ON YOU, BELL!
I KNEW I HAD TO WATCH OUT FOR HER!
SHE SPENT TOWN!
EXIT
NO SMOKING

HO HO HO HO
CURSE YOU, KING HOT SAUCE!
CHOCOLATE MAN, I CAN'T GO ON!
DON'T LET HIM GET ME!
PHOOEY NOT EXACTLY ROMANTIC
NEVER SAY DIET JELLY DONUT GIRL! WE SHALL PREVAIL!
COME ON KEIICHI
LET'S GO

IT WAS MORE FUN THAN I EXPECTED! MAYA CUTE!
AT AT THIS RATE I'M FINISHED

THERE'S NOTHING TO DO BUT DUMP THEM!
C'MON KEIICHI!
TO THE AQUARIUM! LET'S GO!

WHOA! W-WAIT!
HEY!
IF WE RUN BELLDANDY AND EVERY-BODY
THEY'LL GET LEFT...!
HAHH
HAHH
HAHH
EXIT
HAH!
I BET THAT GOT RID OF THEM!


UM...
YA
IEE!
EXCUSE ME...?
YOW! WHAT A SHOCK!
I WON A FAMILY PASS TO THE AQUARIUM IN A SUPERMARKET RAFFLE
NEKOMI AQUARIUM
SPECIAL EXPOSITION MOLLUSKS
ENTER
World of Mollusks

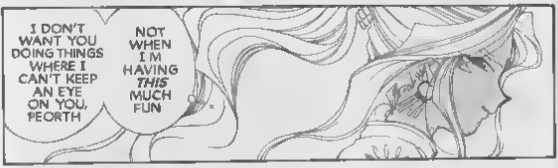
WORLD OF FANTASY
WH WHAT IS THIS?!
WAAH! YOU GUYS AREN'T CUTE AT ALL!
THIS ONE'S CALLED A HAIRY LUS
I CAN'T WASTE ANY MORE TIME WITH THESE PEOPLE
I'VE GOT TO GET RID OF THEM SOME-HOW!

FEORTH WAFTING ROSE ATTACK!
?
COME WITH ME MY LITTLE KEIICHI!
THERE YOU ARE! READY FOR LUNCH?
MAYBE I CAN TRY DISAPPEARING COMPLETELY WITH THE FEORTH INSTA-TRANS SPELL AND--

FORGET IT
REALLY JUST GIVE IT UP
YOU'RE TRYING TO GIVE US THE SLIP SO YOU CAN BE ALONE WITH HIM, RIGHT?
HEY THAT'S COOL I UNDER-STAND
!
BUT I'M TELLING YOU THAT KIND OF FRONTAL ATTACK WON'T WORK WITH BELLDANDY
"IN A CROWD OF A HUNDRED MILLION PEOPLE...
' OR EVEN IF YOU RUN WITH HIM TO THE OPPOSITE SIDE OF THE EARTH SHE'LL STILL FIND KEIICHI

"THAT'S THE KIND OF GIRL SHE IS"
THAT'S MY DEAR SISTER
I SEE
GOOD ENOUGH
IF THAT'S HOW IT IS I'VE GOT A FEW IDEAS OF MY OWN

HEH, HEH!
SWALLOWED IT HOOK, LINE AND SINKER!


I DON'T WANT YOU DOING THINGS WHERE I CAN'T KEEP AN EYE ON YOU, PEORTH
NOT WHEN I'M HAVING THIS MUCH FUN

HMM?
YOU WANT TO GO SWIM-MING?

I HAVE A GROUP PASS TO THAT NEW AQUA BLUE PLACE
IT FIGURES IS THERE ANYTHING SHE DOESN'T HAVE?!
IN MUSIC?

UH ... I, um, DIDN'T BRING MY BATHING SUIT
WELL
I'M BEGGIN' YOU PLEASE CHANGE ME BACK
WHY? IT LOOKS GREAT ON YOU!
POOF
IF THAT'S THE PROBLEM
I'LL JUST
AH?! NO! WAI--
AND SO BEFORE LONG
SHEESH

I CAN'T EVEN SWIM WHERE'S THE FUN IN THIS?
KEIICHI ?!
WATCH ME DIVE!

...
YOU'RE TURNING *RED*, K-BOY
AND SOMEHOW I DON'T THINK IT'S A SIGN OF SUNBURN!
I KNOW WHAT YOU'RE THINKING ABOUT, YOU YOU *DIRTY OLD MAN!*
SKULD DOLPHIN GUN!
ACK! WELL AT LEAST THERE'S *ONE* GOOD THING ABOUT GOING TO A POOL

DARN IT SKULD! CUT IT OUT!
HEH HEH...
SO
TIME TO GET READY
I'VE ALREADY ASCERTAINED...
THAT KEIICHI CAN BARELY SWIM
1 I MAKE SURE KEIICHI FALLS IN
HELLP!
2 I SAVE HIM FROM DROWNING

MOUTH TO MOUTH!!
3 I ADMINISTER ESSENTIAL MOUTH-TO-MOUTH RESUSCITATION!
AND THEN, WHEN HE OPENS HIS EYES...
FORGIVE ME DARLING PEORTH-- I CRUELLY MISUNDER STOOD YOU!
OH KEIICHI!
AH, MY DARLING KEIICHI!
SOON I SHALL LIBERATE YOU FROM YOUR SUFFERING!
KEIICHI ?
ARE YOU GOING TO STAY HERE A WHILE?

UM
YEAH
THEN I THOUGHT I'D GET US SOMETHING TO DRINK
AND AFTER WE CAN PRACTICE SWIMMING TOGETHER
I WANT TO BE ABLE TO SWIM...
TOGETHER WITH YOU DARLING.
SURE! GREAT!

BELL-DANDY! WAIT UP!
NOW!!
SHAKK
AIEE!
?!
AGK!
SHAKK

BELL-DANDY! HELP!
TING
10
100
!!
SWEAT
HUH? WHAT'S WRONG SIS?
KEIICHI!

SPLASH
SPLASH
HUH!
ACTUALLY HE SWIMS PRETTY WELL
Dance High, Spirits of Water!

FLSSH
AH?
SLSH
WHBOSH
EEK!
HUH?

OH! HOW TERRIBLE! KEIICHI IS UNCONSCIOUS!
I MUST ADMINISTER ARTIFICIAL RESPIRATION!
MFF

!
MNF!
WH-WHAT? WHO?! HOW?!
F-FORGIVE ME PEORTH! I- I ACCIDENTALLY MADE THE WATER SPIRITS RUN WILD
YOU GOT A CASE OF WATER SPIRIT POISONING
I WAS JUST TRYING TO GET SOME OF THE SPIRITS OUT OF YOUR BODY
I'M SO RELIEVED!

I WAS BEGINNING TO THINK YOU— OH?!
P-PEORTH?!
PEORTH! HEY!
MAN SHE'S A LOT OF TROUBLE ISN'T SHE?
ehh
HMPH! YEAH! WHY DON'T WE JUST DUMP HER SOME WHERE?
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING KEIICHI?
I MEAN YOU COULDN'T MAKE A SINGLE ONE OF MY DREAMS COME TRUE

BUT I GUESS I DID GET TO TAKE A WALK WITH YOU IN AN OCEANSIDE PARK... SORT OF
SO I GUESS THAT'LL HAVE TO DO... FOR NOW
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Keiichi Morisato
Nekon Tech student who dialed a wrong number and unwittingly summoned the goddess Belldandy.

Belldandy
Goddess First Class (Unlimited). Very loving, very kind.

Urd
Goddess Second Class (Limited). Belldandy's big sister. Very sexy, very naughty.

Skuld
Goddess Third Class (Limited). Belldandy's little sister. Very smart, slightly pretty.

Peorth
Goddess First Class. Works for a rival agency. Frequently steals Keiichi Wards. Has her eye on Urd's ass, to be real.

The Almighty
Almighty.

When a Man
Loves a Woman

MO-
RI-
SA-
TO!
I'M BRINGIN' YUH AN OFFICIAL NOTICE FROM DA *COUNCIL OF ELDERS!*

.....
.....
.....
HEY! DA BIG BOSS OF DA COUNCIL OF ELDERS DONE COME HERE ON HIS OWN TWO FEETS!
DERE BETTER BE SOME-BODY HOME!
WHAM
HEY WHAT'S DIS? DA DOOR'S OPEN?
Welcome home, Kenichi dear!!

?
GEE HAS HE BEEN WORKING OUT ?
AA!

A
B-B-
BEAST!
AA!
A
B-B-
BEAUTY!

EEK!
HELP ME!!
NOW WHAT?!
ENOUGH WITH THE RACKET!
OH, HO
HEY TAMIYA— BEEN A WHILE!
HOW YA DOING BIG BOY?
Oooh Tamiya, honey Check it out!
?

WE'RE BA--
ACK?
OOPS
AIEE! URD'S SEDUCING TAMIYA?!
N-NO! I DIDN'T.. HE SHE... I...
HEY...? TAMIYA? OH NO-- WHAT DID URD DO TO YOU?
AH?!
I DIDN'T DO ANYTHING I SWEAR!
YOU COME WIT ME NOW!!
YESSIR! SURELY, SIR!!?

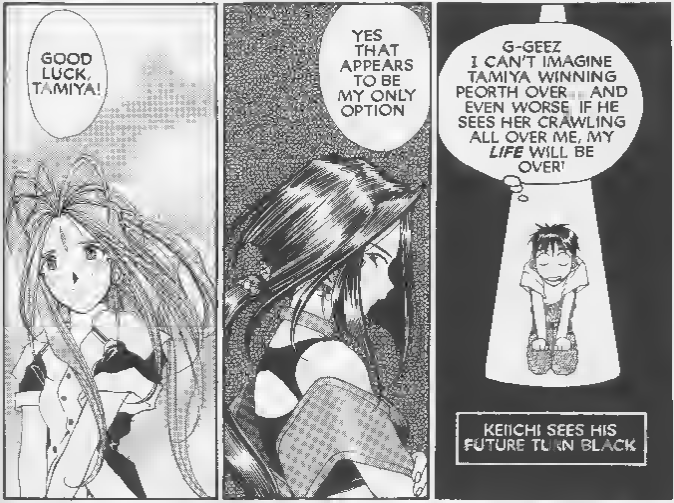
SO, UH MORISATO WHO'S DAT GORGEOUS BABE?
HUH?
URD?
SHE'S BEEN HERE FOR AGES
NO!! DA GOIL WIT' DA BLACK HAIR
SKULD ?
TOO YOUNG FER ME STOOPID! NAW DAT GIRL OVER DERE!!
SEE!
HE'S LOOKING AT MY BIG SISTER!
YEESH... LOOK AT THOSE TWO GUYS...
OH ..?

WAIT A SEC. YOU MEAN *PEORTH?*
DAT'S HER NAME? PEORTH?!
TORAICHI TAMIYA, A MAN IN LOVE FOR THE FIRST TIME IN FOUR YEARS, SIX MONTHS, TEN DAYS
WHOAH— TAMIYA?
OH, YES! THAT LOOK IN TAMIYA'S EYES...
...THE WAY HE'S LOOKING AT MY SISTER...
...THE WAY HE WAS STANDING SO STILL IN THE ENTRANCE-WAY...
YES, THAT *MUST* BE IT!

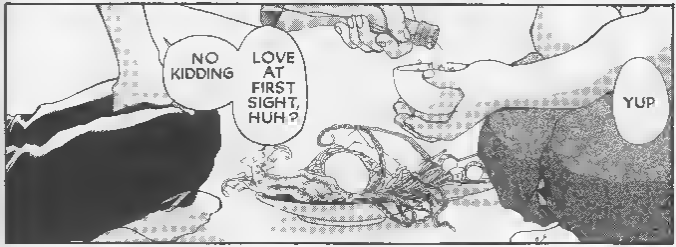
TAMIYA'S A GOOD MAN, URD
WHICHEVER WAY YOU FEEL ABOUT HIM, MAKE SURE YOU TREAT HIM RIGHT AND GIVE HIM A CLEAR ANSWER
HUH ?
...!?
HMMM... WHAT'S GOING ON? THAT HORRIBLE BEAST SNUGGLING UP TO KEIICHI LIKE THAT--
OH?! OH!
IT... IT CAN'T BE!

NO WAIT!!
KEIICHI! DARLING!
OH TANI...!
PERHAPS THAT MAN, TOO, IS ATTRACTED TO MY KEIICHI?!
A MOST UNFORTUNATE DEVELOPMENT
I CERTAINLY DON'T WANT TO MAKE ANY MORE ENEMIES DOWN HERE BUT...
I REALLY MUST MAKE SURE...
...THAT MAN DEPARTS THE SCENE...
OKAY, MORISATO.
GUESS I GOTTA GET GOIN'

TAMIYA, DEAR?
OOG... TAMIYA'S GOT A CRAZY LOOK IN HIS EYES.
AS LONG AS YOU DON'T GIVE UP HOPE...
TOMOR-ROW EVEN...
LEASE DO COME GAIN
MOTRA
I'M SURE THERE'S A CHANCE OF SUCCESS


GOOD LUCK, TAMIYA!
YES THAT APPEARS TO BE MY ONLY OPTION
G-GEEZ I CAN'T IMAGINE TAMIYA WINNING PEORTH OVER AND EVEN WORSE IF HE SEES HER CRAWLING ALL OVER ME, MY LIFE WILL BE OVER!
KEIICHI SEES HIS FUTURE TURN BLACK

NEKOMI TECH STUDENT DORM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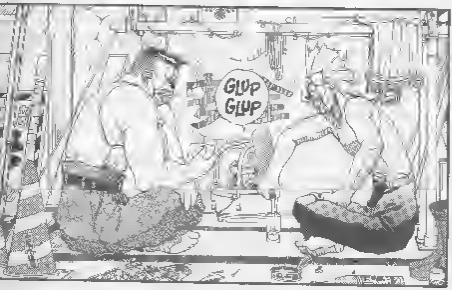
LOVE AT FIRST SIGHT, HUH?
YUP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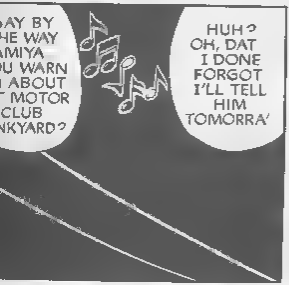
GLUP

AH YOU'LL DO GOOD, DUDE COUNT ON IT!

YUP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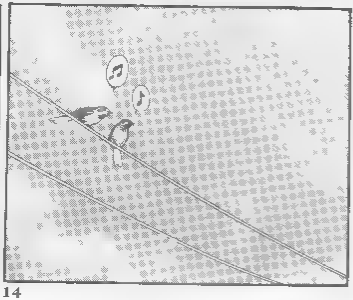
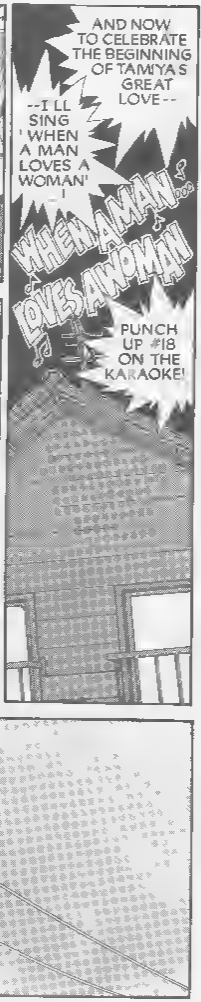
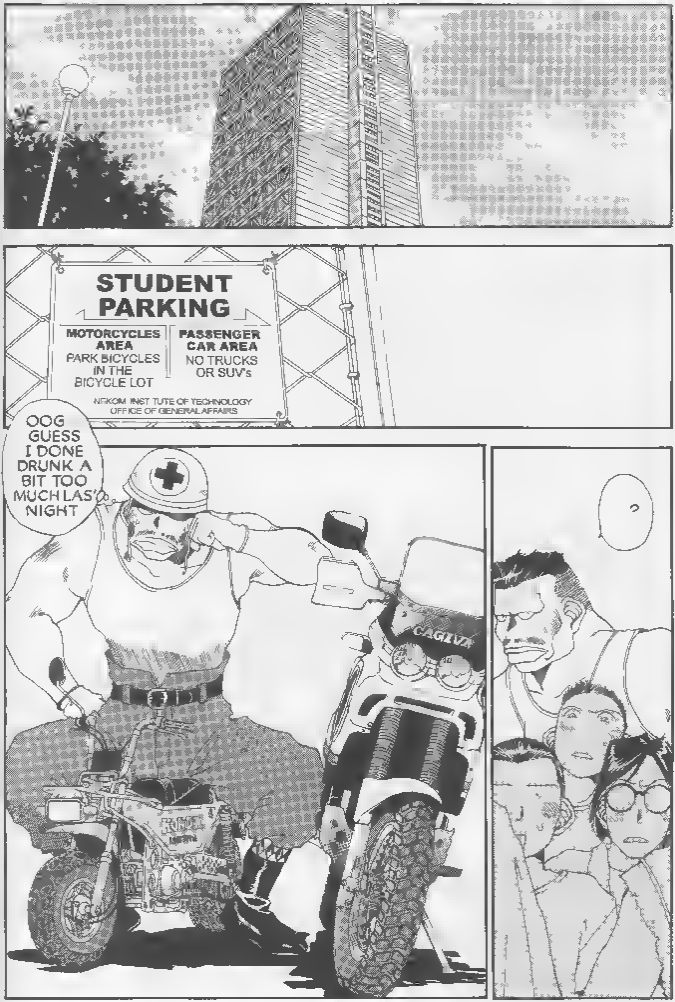
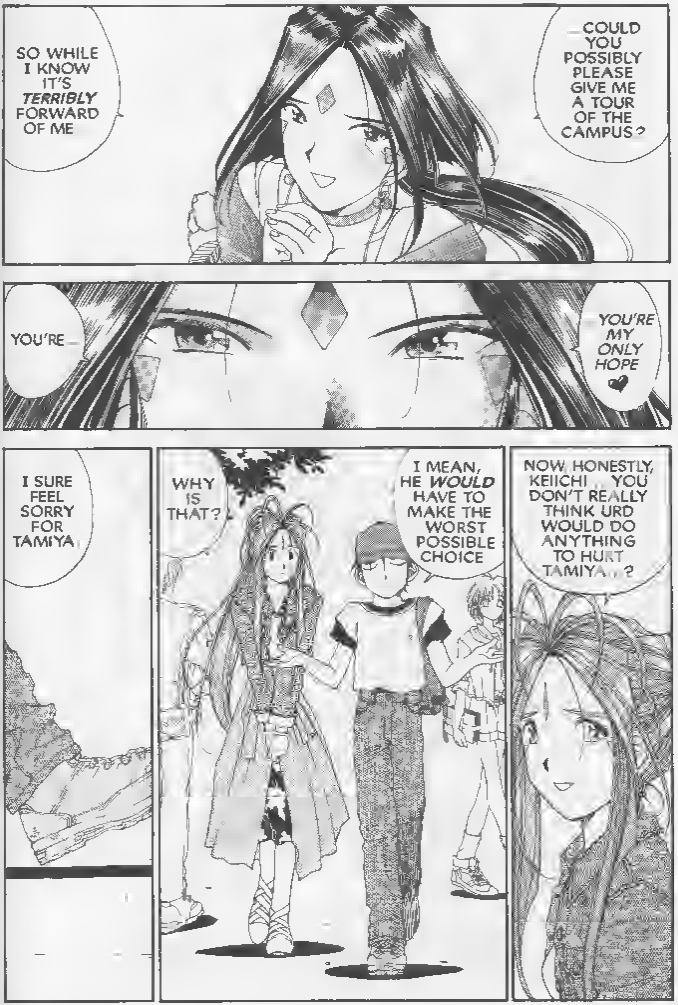
HUH? OH, DAT I DONE FORGOT I'LL TELL HIM TOMORRA'




AND NOW TO CELEBRATE THE BEGINNING OF TAMIYA'S GREAT LOVE--
--I'LL SING 'WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN'--
WHEN A MAN LOVES A WOMAN
PUNCH UP #18 ON THE KARAOKE!


STUDENT PARKING
MOTORCYCLES AREA
PARK BICYCLES IN THE BICYCLE LOT
PASSENGER CAR AREA
NO TRUCKS OR SUV's
NTKOM INST TUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
OFFICE OF GENERAL AFFAIRS
OOG GUESS I DONE DRUNK A BIT TOO MUCH LAS' NIGHT
?

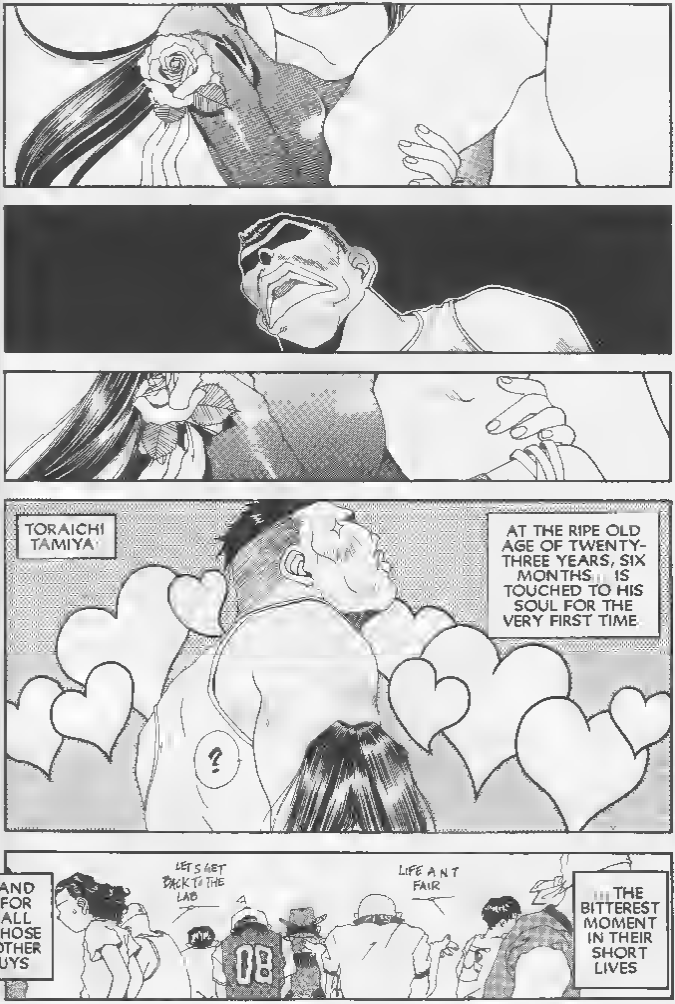
AH!
M-M-MISS PEORTH?! WHUH WHAT IS YOU DOIN' HERE?!
BABBLE BABBLE
OH!
YOU REMEMBERED MY NAME!
I'M SO HAPPY!
I'M SO HAPPY!
ACTUALLY, I'VE ONLY BEEN LIVING IN TOWN HERE A LITTLE WHILE...
AND I WANT TO LEARN MY WAY AROUND A BIT
BUT I GET LOST SO EASILY... sigh

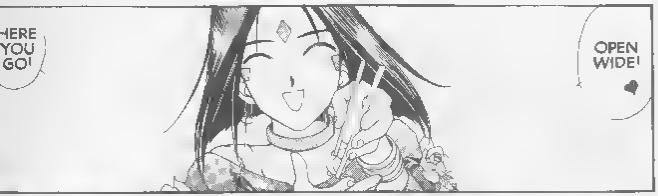

SO WHILE I KNOW IT'S *TERRIBLY* FORWARD OF ME
...COULD YOU POSSIBLY PLEASE GIVE ME A TOUR OF THE CAMPUS?
YOU'RE...
YOU'RE MY ONLY HOPE
I SURE FEEL SORRY FOR TAMIYA.
WHY IS THAT?
I MEAN, HE *WOULD* HAVE TO MAKE THE WORST POSSIBLE CHOICE
NOW, HONESTLY, KEIICHI... YOU DON'T REALLY THINK URD WOULD DO ANYTHING TO HURT TAMIYA...?

HUH?
TAMIYA'S IN LOVE WITH PEORTH
EH ?!
TAMIYA'S DONE IT NOW!
HE'S OVER AT THE AUDITO-RIUM!
!!
YO, SORA! WHAT'S GOING ON?!
OH SIR!
LOOK
!!

AN DAT'S DA RESEARCH LAB BUILDIN
I I DON'T BELIEVE IT! A REAL, LIVE BEAUTY AND THE BEAST!
CHECK IT OUT MAN! TAMIYA'S WALKING AND CHEWING GUM AT THE SAME TIME!
B BUT WHY WOULD PEORTH
AH KEIICHI! PERFECT! AND THAT DARN BELLDANDY
HEH THIS MAN IS COMPLETELY IN MY POWER NOW
HIS AFFAIRE D'AMOUR WITH KEIICHI IS OVER!
NOW TO HAVE KEIICHI STUMBLE ONTO US TOGETHER

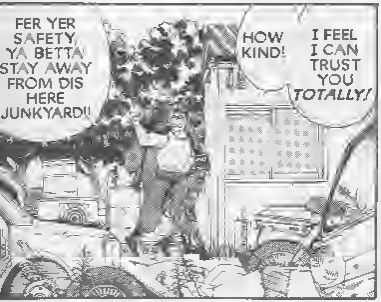
AND MAKE HIM REALIZE HIS TRUE FEELINGS FOR ME!
HMPH! WHEN YOU THINK YOU CAN HAVE SOMETHING WHENEVER YOU WANT IT
ONLY WHEN YOU SEE IT'S SLIPPED BEYOND YOUR GRASP DO YOU REALIZE WHAT YOU'VE LOST!
OH, MISTER TAMIYA?
Y--
YES?!
WHAT IS *THAT* OVER THERE?


TORAICHI TAMIYA
AT THE RIPE OLD AGE OF TWENTY-THREE YEARS, SIX MONTHS, IS TOUCHED TO HIS SOUL FOR THE VERY FIRST TIME
?
AND FOR ALL THOSE OTHER GUYS
LET'S GET BACK TO THE LAB
LIFE AIN'T FAIR
...THE BITTEREST MOMENT IN THEIR SHORT LIVES


HERE YOU GO!
OPEN WIDE!

CURSE YOU, TAMIYA!
CURSE YOU!
CURSE YOU, TAMIYA!
I'M N-NOT AFRAID, DON'T BE AFRAID!

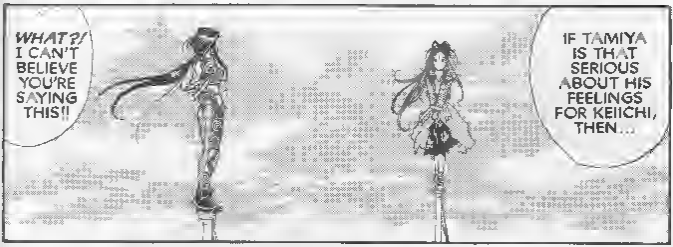
WAY TO GO, DUDE!


FER YER SAFETY, YA BETTA STAY AWAY FROM DIS HERE JUNKYARD!!
HOW KIND!
I FEEL I CAN TRUST YOU TOTALLY!

TAMIYA, YOU'RE SO SWEET...

AS LONG AS YOU DON'T GIVE UP HOPE...
...I'M SURE THERE'S A CHANCE OF SUCCESS.
IT'S JES' LIKE YA SAID, MISS BELL-DANDY!
YOU'RE SO SWEET
Pcorth!
BELL-DANDY...?
UM... S'EXCUSER FOR JUST A MOMENT PLEASE?
I'LL BE RIGHT BACK!
HUH?
BUT... WHERE...
OHH..
...?

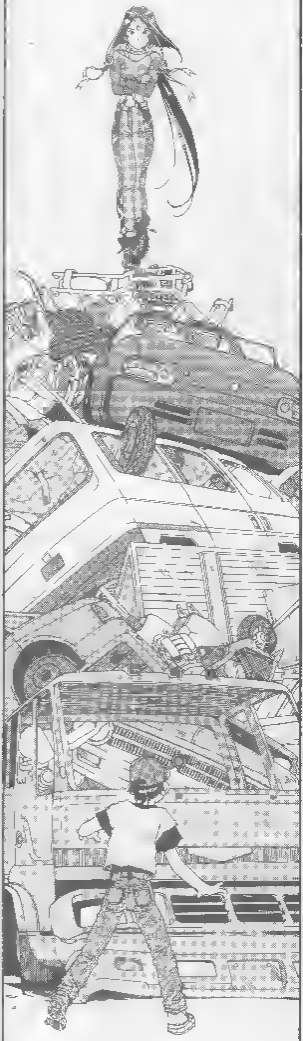
OH, DEAR IF I'D KNOWN HE WAS ATTRACTED TO PEORTH
I NEVER WOULD HAVE
WELL? WHAT IS THIS ABOUT?
I AM RATHER BUSY RIGHT NOW!
IN FACT I--
PEORTH!
PLEASE... IF YOU AREN'T SERIOUS ABOUT TAMIYA, THEN DON'T TOY WITH HIM ANY-MORE
CAN'T YOU SEE HE'S TOTALLY INFATUATED WITH--


WHAT?! I CAN'T BELIEVE YOU'RE SAYING THIS!!
IF TAMIYA IS THAT SERIOUS ABOUT HIS FEELINGS FOR KEIICHI, THEN...

...HOW CAN YOU JUST SHUT YOUR EYES TO IT?!
DON'T YOU *CARE* WHAT HAPPENS TO KEIICHI?!

P-PARDON?
HMPH! ENOUGH OF THIS!
I SHALL PROTECT KEIICHI *MYSELF*
YOU KNOW YOU HAVEN'T CHANGED A BIT

I HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN THAT MOMENT SO LONG AGO BELLDANDY!
WAIT! PEORTH!
YOU'RE MISTAKEN!
...?
"THAT MOMENT"...?
hurhh
hurhh
WOW WHERE DID PEORTH AND BELLDANDY BOTH GET TO?
LOOKING FOR ME?



OOPS... I F'GOT TO TELL MISS PEORTH WHERE DA LADIES ROOM IS

SO, YOU CAME SEARCHING FOR ME AFTER ALL

NOW PERHAPS YOU UNDER-STAND WHAT A RARE FIND I AM?
IF YOU'D WAITED EVEN A LITTLE BIT LONGER, YOU MIGHT HAVE LOST ME FOREVER!

THIS TIME I SHALL HELP YOU!
HEY! ARE YOU AIMING THEM AT US?!
YOU KEEP GETTING IN THEIR WAY!
FNDD
WHDD
WHANG
AIEE!
CAN'T--

WHUD

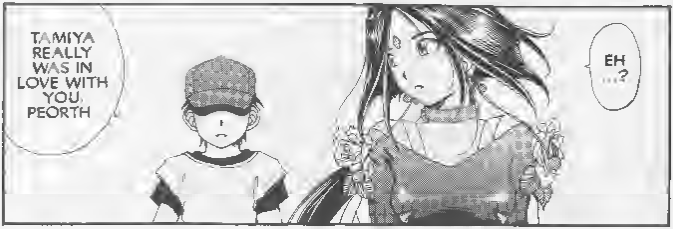
T-TAMIYA?!
EEP! BOSS!
ARE ARE YOU OKAY
MISS PEORTH?
AH Y-YES
I'M FINE

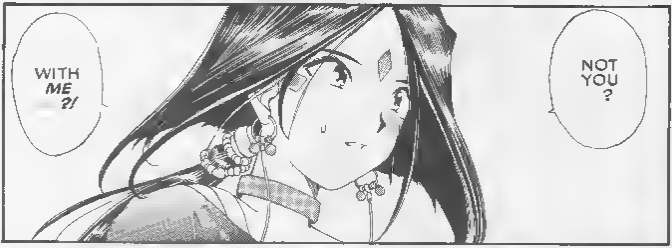
GOOD!
DAT'S GREAT!

WELL,
BE CAREFUL HEADIN' BACK.

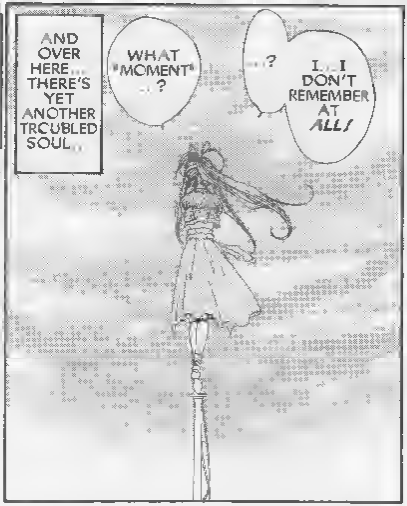
FOR JUS' A MO-MENT...

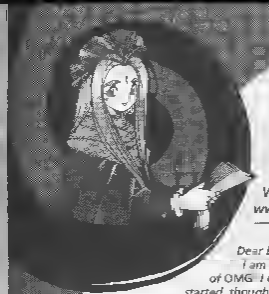
...I FEEL LIKE I CAUGHT A GLIMPSE OF HEAVEN.


TAMIYA REALLY WAS IN LOVE WITH YOU, PEORTH
EH ...?


WITH *ME* ?!
NOT YOU ?

DAMMIT! WHY DOES DAT ROTTEN MORISATO GET ALL DA BABES?!
YOU IS GONNA PAY FER DIS TOMORRA BOY!
AHH *YOUTH*-- THE PLEASURE THE PAIN IT'S ALL THERE
NNARRGH!


AND OVER HERE... THERE'S YET ANOTHER TROUBLED SOUL...
WHAT "MOMENT" ...?
...?
I...I DON'T REMEMBER AT *ALL!*



Letters to the Enchantress

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Dear Enchantress,
I am a great fan of OMGI I only just started though so I'm a recent fan
I just started from the first issue in the series "The Fourth Goddess." I liked how funny Peorth was adding in classy words to her speech and how no one takes her seriously!
Plus the animation is fantastic!! OMGI and Sailor Moon are currently my favorite comics to read. I am also looking for a pen pal who shares my interests. I like art, Sailor Moon, OMG!, Pokémon, and Magic: the Gathering. (I'm thirteen.)
I would like to thank you for publishing OMGI in America. You guys make a lot of people happy.
Sarah Alsgaard
1333 Foxhole Dr.
Fairfax, VA 22033-1331

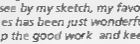
Thank you, Sarah, for being so supportive! Check out the pen-pal list below for your name and some other recent additions to the list of correspondents.

Dear Enchantress,
My name is Catherine Richards. I am sixteen years old and have just recently begun to read Oh My Goddess! The issue I have is The Fourth Goddess (part 7). And so...I have a problem since I've just tuned in I know nothing about the previous issues of this comic book, and I don't know where to get previous issues. So I was wondering if you could help me by giving me some info and/or the titles of the issues. Also, I was wondering if you could send me a catalog of back issues because even though it's good to know what's going on, I feel it's better to have the issues.
For any fans out there who have been following OMG since the first issue, I would really appreciate it if you could please help me out by writing me about exactly what has been going on.
Thanking you in advance,
Kat Richards
RR1 Comp 905
Oro Station, Ontario
Canada L0L 2E0

P.S. Would you please put my address in your column? Here it is, if anyone would like to write me, thanks again!! I also enjoy other anime like Ranma1/2, Street Fighter, Sailor Moon, Pokémon, Hello Kitty, and almost any other movies, stories, and comics.

Hi, Kat! For info on back issues, check out the Dark Horse web site at www.darkhorse.com or ask your local comics retailer. There are about four trade-paperback collections out right now, which make catching up a little easier.

Hi!
I've been a big Goddess fan for about two years now. As you can see by my sketch, my favorite character is Urd, so this series has been just wonderful to read. Definitely keep up the good work, and keep those Goddess comics coming!
Aurora
via Internet



Hello there!
My name is Raul Pantoja, I'm twenty-three years old from Mexico City. I would like to give you my greatest congratulations for your efforts all this year for the support to this beautiful comic series. I'm a big fan of Oh My Goddess! Since its very first issue, I've loved the great artwork of Kosuke Fujishima. Also, I like very much your Enchantress letters column, because it's interesting to know the opinions of the people around the world.
I have some questions about the new animation that is supposed to be launched sometime between 1999-00. Is it a new anime series, or is it going to be a movie or something like that?
Well, about the current series, what can I say? When I thought that this was going to come to an end, you guys surprised me with a brand-new series that will rock the universe of K1! The new goddess is beautiful, and she has a little bit of the mood of another two goddesses (my loveable and kind, of course, Belldandy and Urd).
Well, I think my creativity went away for the moment (it's because I'm on a shared computer). Okay, it's time to go, and I really hope that you can read this message; keep up the great, great job guys and gals, because we all in the world really enjoy it.
I won't say good-bye, but hasta pronto!
A big fan,
Raul Pantoja

P.S. If somebody would like to send me an e-mail, here is my address: killjoy@hotmail.com

Sorry, it's me again, I forgot to tell you that I would like you to print my e-mail address or my whole message in order to have more friends that also enjoy the anime and manga, okay? I think this time it's all (for today).

P.P.S. Sorry for the bad orthography.

Raul, we're happy to have you aboard!

Dear Letters to the Enchantress,
After reading that final letter in The Fourth Goddess #2, I just had to write in. Let me just clear this up right now and say that there is no such thing as a "perfect woman," in fiction or otherwise. Even Mr.

Fujishima knows this! Case in point: Belldandy's bouts of jealousy when Keiichi finds himself entangled in an unwanted relationship. Wouldn't a "perfect woman" be able to withstand these jealous feelings without batting an eye? Yes, Belldandy tries to do this, but she cannot completely suppress her jealousy. This new story line is bound to push the dilemma to its breaking point, from what I've read so far. And kudos to that! It's rare that one sees such careful, intuitive examinations of characters' emotions in comics, even in manga (see series 2-4 of Gunsmith Cats for an example of such neglect, though I'll admit that Mr. Sonoda eventually compensates for this in the most recent series). Anyway, to wrap this up, I would also like to thank Rachel Penn for using this letters column as a platform for her opinions. It works really well, and I'd like to see an equal amount of commentary in the other manga letters columns, if that is at all possible. Bye for now!

Matthew Wade
West Lafayette, Indiana

It's always nice to hear from you, Matthew, and I'm glad you guys let me voice my opinions here. It's nice to be listened to sometimes!

Dear Enchantress,

Just started reading The Fourth Goddess (along with a friend of mine who't pulled into reading it) and man, what a story. I can now see why everybody has been talking about it. In my opinion, it is funnier than The Devil in Miss Ural (the parts I read before my comics supply dried up suddenly). Peorth is one weird goddess, the polar opposite to Belldandy, and after her man as well. If you asked me, she is very "insistent" as regards granting Keiichi his deepest, darkest desire. I wonder if he will fall into her little web. Anyway, keep up the good work and let's see more of Mr. Fujishima's work (namely You're Under Arrest!) made available to us readers in the West.

Best wishes,
Simon O Callaghan

Hi Simon! Look for early work from Mr. Fujishima, namely the "missing" Oh My Goddess! issues, to make an appearance in the Dark Horse manga anthology due out in March of 2000!

Dear Enchantress,

Hi! How's the new OMG manga going? We hope it's as good as the last OMG! comic book. We really liked it. We are really amazed with the strength of the story line and artwork of every comic that you made. The stories are really heart warming and the art is first-class. Your comics are the exact kind of comic that we love. Fujishima-san, we really idolize you. Your work is great! We hope to be like you when we grow up! Keep up the good work!

Arigato!!

We have just sent some drawings with this letter. We really hope that you will like them. This is just a sign of our absolute devotion to OMG! We are OMG!'s forever fans. Thanks for the time.

Sincerely,
Jan San Juan
Reggie Bautista
Tibag, Baluag, Bulacan, Philippines

P.S. The drawings on pencils are from Reggie, and the drawings on ink are from Jan.

Love the drawings, guys! And thanks for the praise!

That's about all the room we have this month, so take care of yourselves and we'll see you in thirty days!
—Rachel

NEXT ISSUE: For the life of her, Belldandy can't remember what she did to get Peorth so mad at her years ago. But no matter what are sisters for, anyway? Urd and Skuld pursue Peorth with a syringe full of truth serum. And everyone gets more truth than they bargained for!

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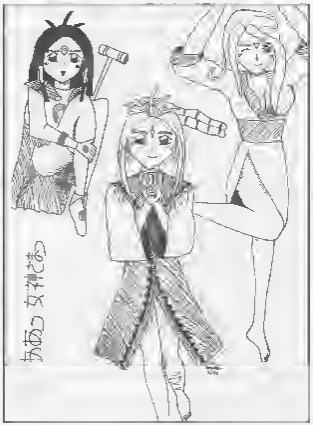

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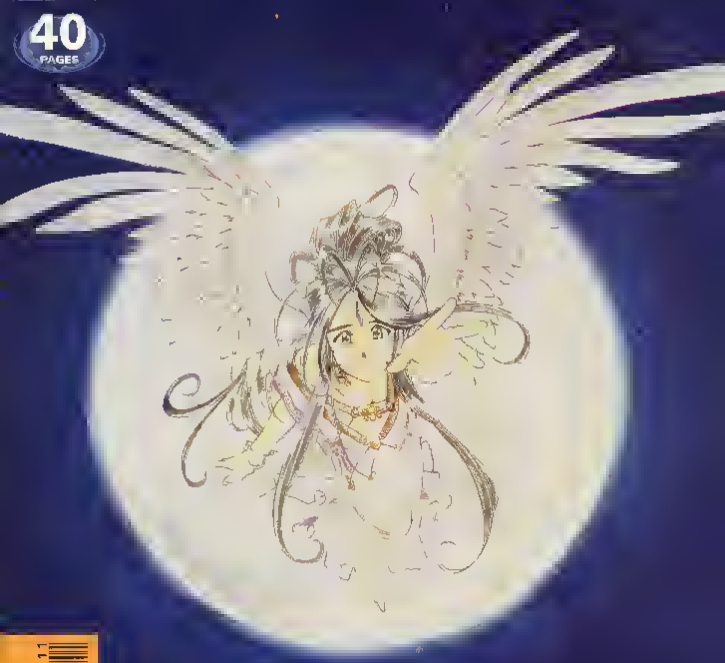

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SHE'S BEEN LIKE THAT EVER SINCE WE GOT HOME
OH, WHATEVER COULD HAVE HAPPENED TO MY DEAR, SWEET BIG SISTER?!

KEIICHI! DID YOU DO SOMETHING TO BELLDANDY?!
OH, REALLY? I WONDER
TRUTH OR CONSE-QUENCES KIDDO!
NNGGRRR!!
WHOA! STOP! I'M INNOCENT!
HUH?!
H-HEY!
"THAT MOMENT'

I HAVE NEVER FORGOTTEN THAT MOMENT...
SO LONG AGO, BELL-DANDY!
THAT MOMENT WHAT WAS IT?
I JUST CAN'T REMEMBER!
COULD I REALLY HAVE
HURT PEORTH SO DEEPLY WITHOUT EVEN KNOWING IT?

THIS TIME, I *HAVE* TO KNOW.
WHAT DID I DO?
GASP!
- WHERE?
SILLY BOY! WE WERE ONLY JOKING! RIGHT, SKULD?
RIGHT. WE *ARE* TALKING ABOUT *KEIICHI*, HERE.
HE WOULDN'T HAVE THE *GUTS* TO TRY ANYTHING
OH, *YEAH?* WELL, I--

EXCUSE ME URD
GACK! B-BELL-DANDY!
N-NOW DON'T YOU WORRY, DEAR--WE WEREN'T PICKING ON YOUR DEAR KEIICHI!
HA HA HA HA!
?
I SEE
A DRUG TO HELP YOU REMEMBER BELL?!
CASTLE URD
YES. PEORTH KEEPS SAYING...

HMM... LET ME THINK
WELL... I HAVE "SWEET PROJECT A" FOR TRACKING DOWN AND EXPOSING CRIMES
D-*DON'T DO IT,* BELLDANDY!
WHO *KNOWS* WHAT'LL HAPPEN IF YOU TAKE HER WEIRD PILLS?!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, SQUIRT? TREATING MY MEDICINE LIKE IT'S SUSPICIOUS OR SOMETHING... *HMPH!*
IT'S FORTIFIED WITH ESSENTIAL VITAMINS AND MINERALS!
THE NAME'S SUSPICIOUS, THE SHAPE'S SUSPICIOUS, AND THE MAKER'S *ESPECIALLY* SUSPICIOUS!
I'LL TRY IT
I DON'T KNOW WHAT CRIME SHE FEELS I COMMITTED
BUT UNTIL I KNOW, I CAN'T EVEN MAK AMENDS

TEN MINUTES LATER
I DON'T FEEL...
...ANY-THING?
THANK THE ALMIGHTY--URD BLEW IT AGAIN!
RRG!
SKULD LOOK! A UFO!
HUH?!
GLUP

I CONFESS! IT WAS ME!
I'M SORRY I'M SORRY!! I'M THE ONE WHO STOLE THE MOTHERBOARD OUT OF KEIICHI'S COMPUTER!
AND I'M THE ONE WHO SPILLED TEA ON HIS REPORT!
SEE?
WORKS FINE, YES?
SATISFACTION GUARANTEED!
SO, UM...
THAT MEANS...
THAT BELLDANDY REALLY WAS ENOUGH OF A DITZ TO TOTALLY FORGET ABOUT IT?
WELL THAT ISN'T VERY LIKELY AND SO
I GUESS THERE'S NOTHING ELSE TO DO EXCEPT...
I ASK PEORTH HERSELF

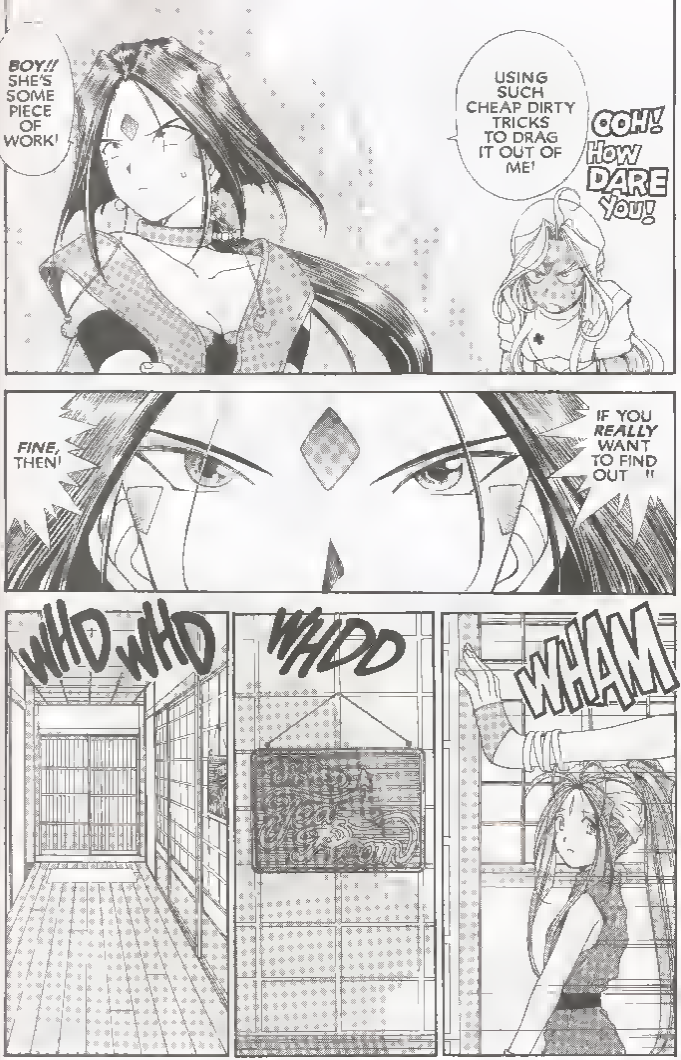
OOH, HOW SHALL I SERVE MY DEAR KEIICHI TODAY?!
THE BATH AGAIN? OH, DEFINITELY!
WAA
KKKK
BOMF

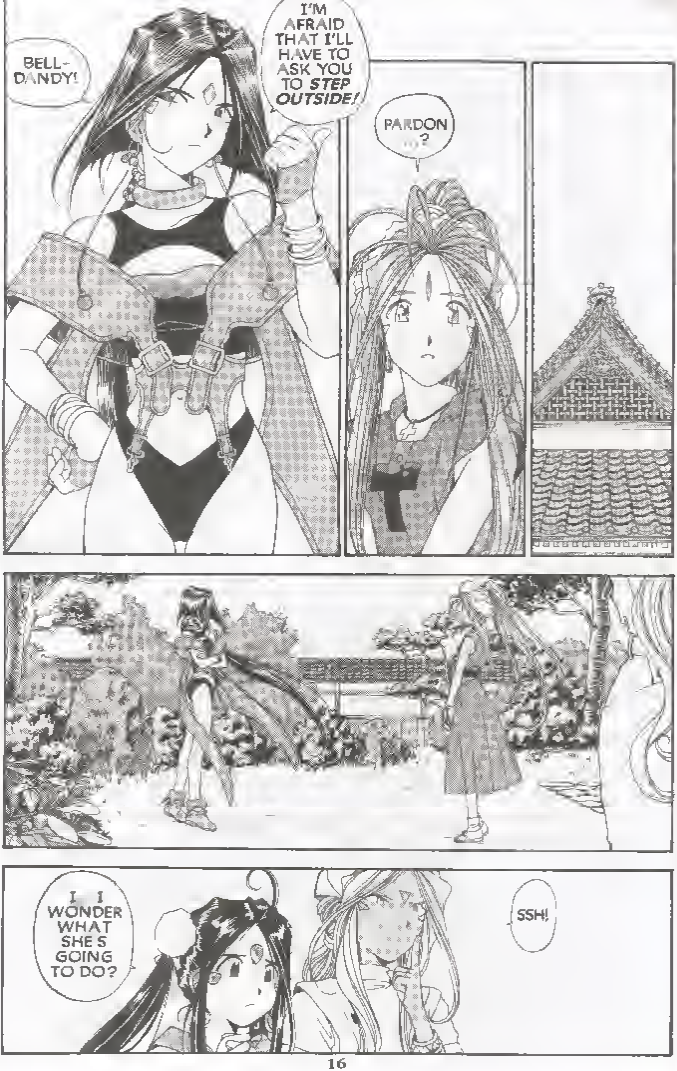
EH?!
FFT
FORGIVE ME PEORTH BUT I'M DOING THIS
FOR MY PRECIOUS BIG SISTER!
EEEK!
H-HEY!
WHAT'S THE BIG IDEA, HERE?!
HELLO, DEAR, SORRY TO KEEP YOU WAITING!
!?

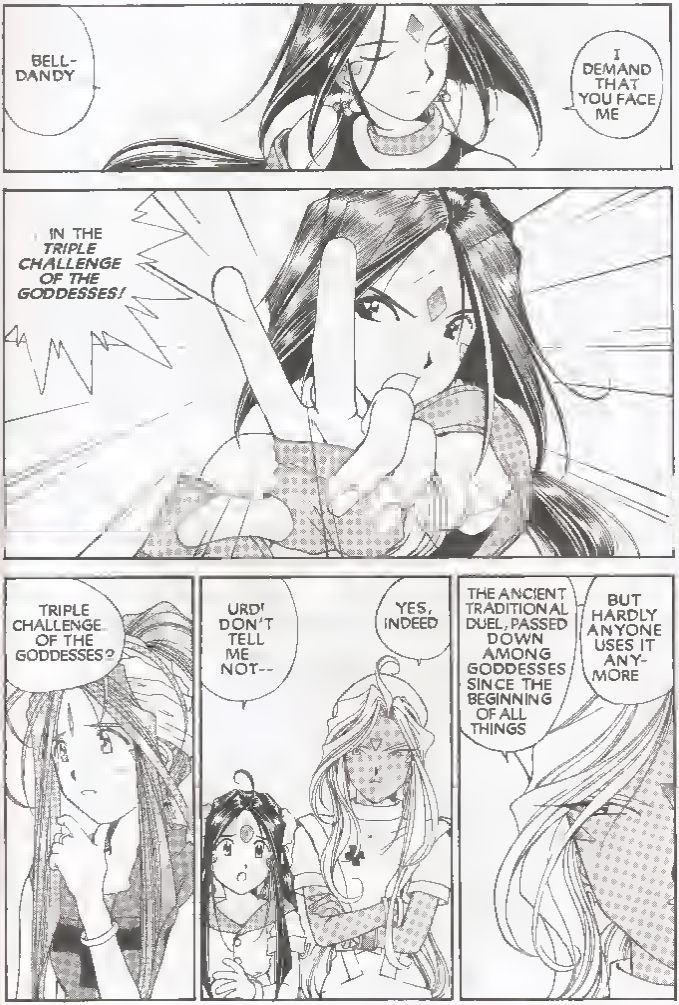
IT'S TIME FOR YOUR MEDS!
WHA... WHA... WHAT DID YOU SAY?!
THERE, THERE, DEARIE-- JUST A LITTLE PINCH...
STOP IT! STOP IT, YOU MEDICINE-FETISH, INJECTION-MANIAC FREAK!

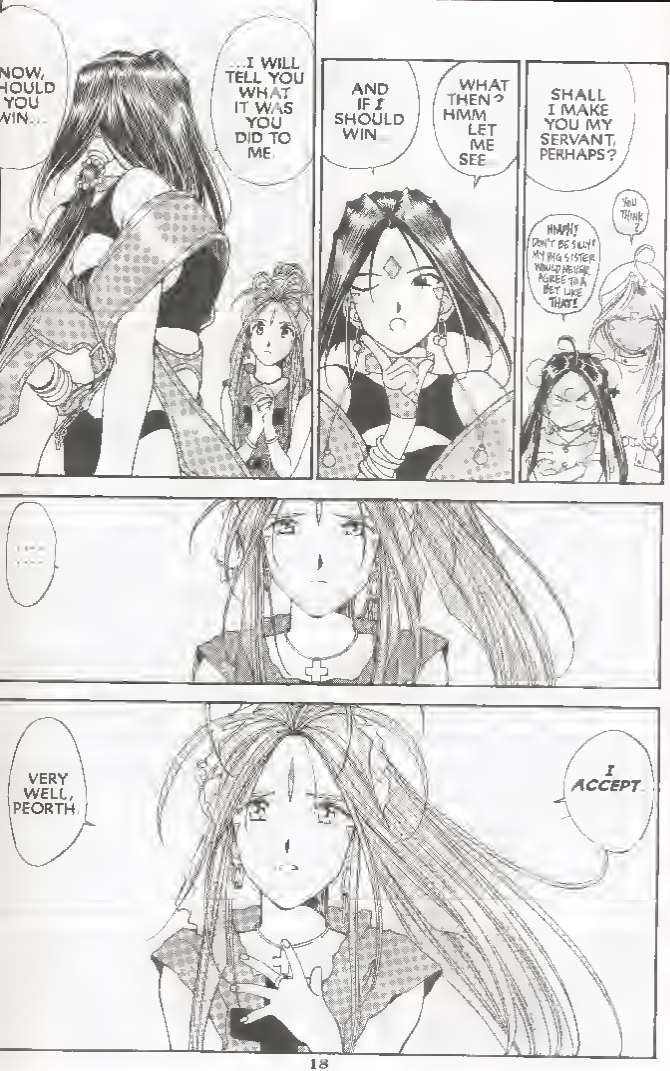
SKULD! HELP ME HOLD HER DOWN!
I'M S-SCARED
BUT
I'LL DO IT FOR BELL-DANDY!
YAAAAHH!
POIT

PSSSHHH
AH... AH...
?!
TRUTH SERUM ...?
BETTER GIVE HER THE ANTIDOTE
POW
AND IT WAS I WHO...
YES! YES!! IT WAS I WHO ATE KEIICHI'S ICE CREAM!
AND IT WAS I WHO TOOK THE MOTOR OUT OF THE ELECTRIC PENCIL SHARPENER!
OH, PHOOEY
AH, HAH
NOW I SEE
I DIDN'T WANT TO BELIEVE IT, BUT
BELLDANDY REALLY HAS FORGOTTEN-- HASN'T SHE?


BOY!! SHE'S SOME PIECE OF WORK!
USING SUCH CHEAP DIRTY TRICKS TO DRAG IT OUT OF ME!
OOH! HOW DARE YOU!
FINE, THEN!
IF YOU REALLY WANT TO FIND OUT !!
WHD WHD
WHDD
WHAM

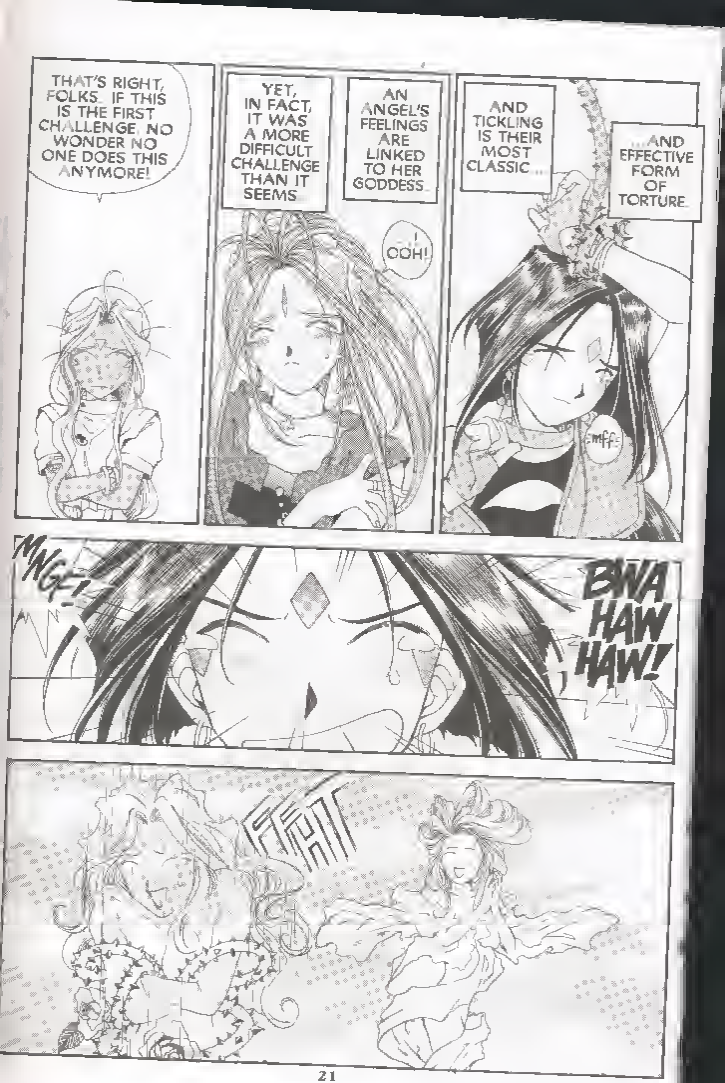

BELL-DANDY!
I'M AFRAID THAT I'LL HAVE TO ASK YOU TO STEP OUTSIDE!
PARDON ...?
I... I WONDER WHAT SHE'S GOING TO DO?
SSH!


BELL-DANDY
I DEMAND THAT YOU FACE ME
IN THE TRIPLE CHALLENGE OF THE GODDESSES!
TRIPLE CHALLENGE OF THE GODDESSES?
URD! DON'T TELL ME NOT--
YES, INDEED
THE ANCIENT TRADITIONAL DUEL, PASSED DOWN AMONG GODDESSES SINCE THE BEGINNING OF ALL THINGS
BUT HARDLY ANYONE USES IT ANY-MORE


NOW, SHOULD YOU WIN...
...I WILL TELL YOU WHAT IT WAS YOU DID TO ME.
AND IF I SHOULD WIN...
WHAT THEN? HMM... LET ME SEE...
SHALL I MAKE YOU MY SERVANT, PERHAPS?
YOU THINK I...
HMPH! DON'T BE SILLY! MY BIG SISTER WOULD NEVER AGREE TO A BET LIKE THAT!
.....
VERY WELL, PEORTH.
I ACCEPT.

IN THAT CASE, IN CONFORM-ANCE WITH THE ANCIENT CODE...
I AS THE ELDEST, SHALL SIT IN JUDGMENT
AND NOW THE FIRST CHALLENGE!
INVOKE YOUR ANGELS!
I SUMMON THEE, LA ROSE MAGNIFIQUE!
COME FORTH BLESSÉD BELL!

BEGIN!
KOOTCHY KOO!
TICKLE TICKLE
KOOTCHY KOOTCHY!


THAT'S RIGHT, FOLKS. IF THIS IS THE FIRST CHALLENGE, NO WONDER NO ONE DOES THIS ANYMORE!
YET, IN FACT, IT WAS A MORE DIFFICULT CHALLENGE THAN IT SEEMS.
AN ANGEL'S FEELINGS ARE LINKED TO HER GODDESS.
OOH!
AND TICKLING IS THEIR MOST CLASSIC...
...AND EFFECTIVE FORM OF TORTURE.
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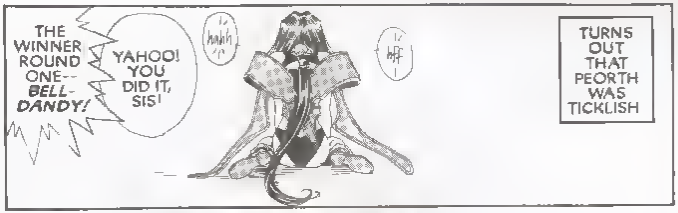
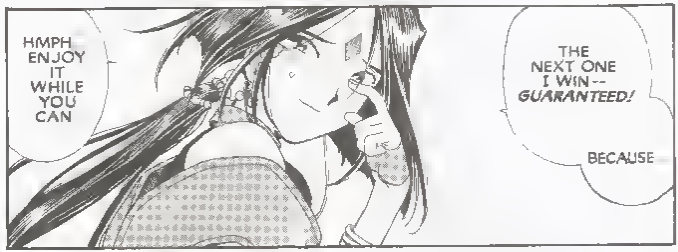
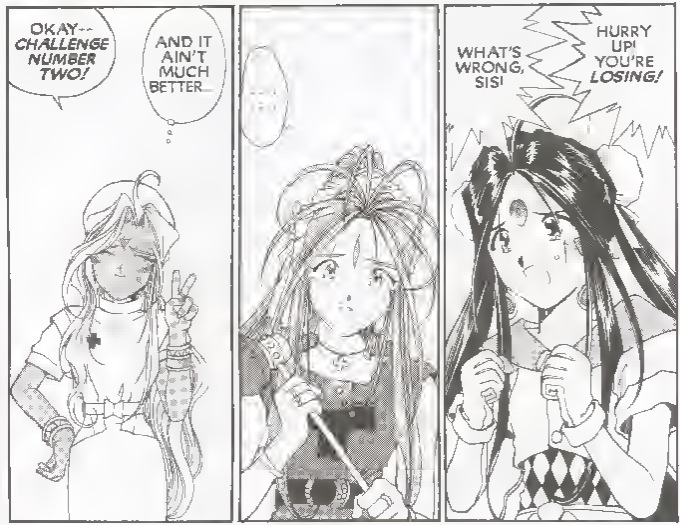
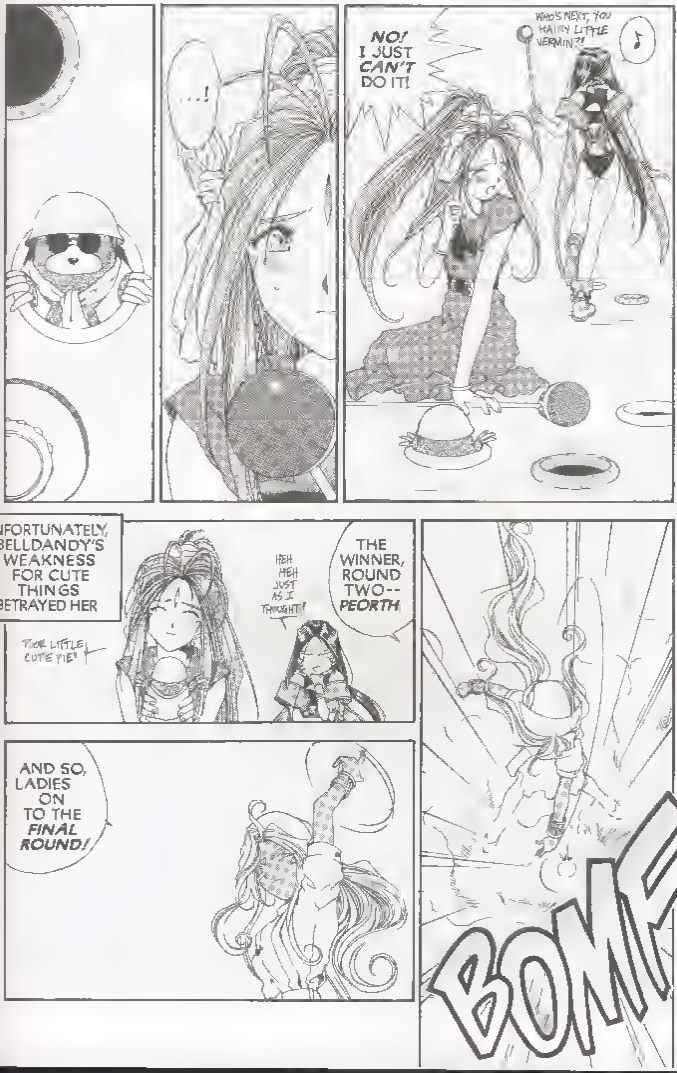
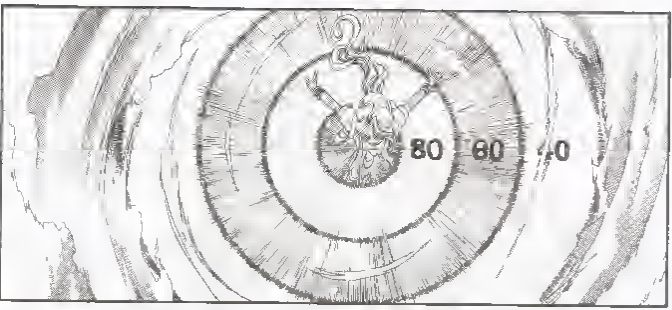
NGF
BWA HAW HAW!
FIGHT


THE WINNER ROUND ONE-- BELL-DANDY!
YAHOO! YOU DID IT, SIS!
hahh
hff
TURNS OUT THAT PEORTH WAS TICKLISH


HMPH ENJOY IT WHILE YOU CAN
THE NEXT ONE I WIN-- GUARANTEED!
BECAUSE


OKAY-- CHALLENGE NUMBER TWO!
AND IT AIN'T MUCH BETTER--
...
WHAT'S WRONG, SIS!
HURRY UP! YOU'RE LOSING!


...!
NO! I JUST CAN'T DO IT!
WHO'S NEXT, YOU HAIRY LITTLE VERMIN?!
♪
UNFORTUNATELY, BELLDANDY'S WEAKNESS FOR CUTE THINGS BETRAYED HER
YOUR LITTLE CUTIE PIE!
HEH HEH JUST AS I THOUGHT!
THE WINNER, ROUND TWO-- PEORTH!
AND SO, LADIES ON TO THE FINAL ROUND!
BOME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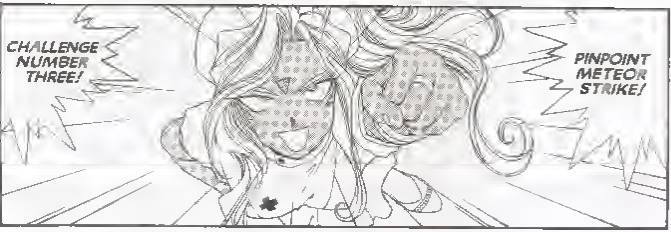
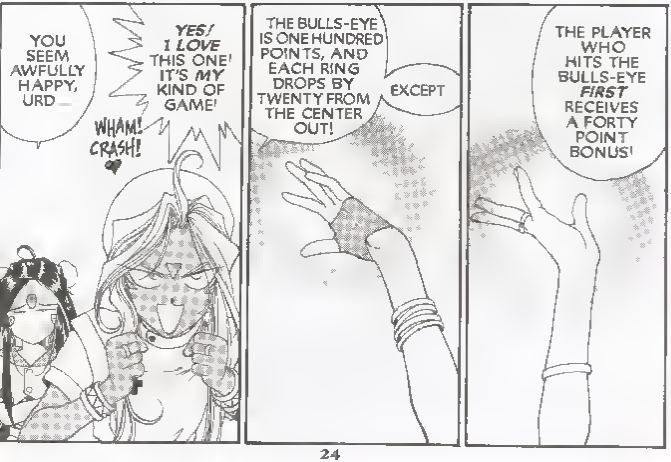
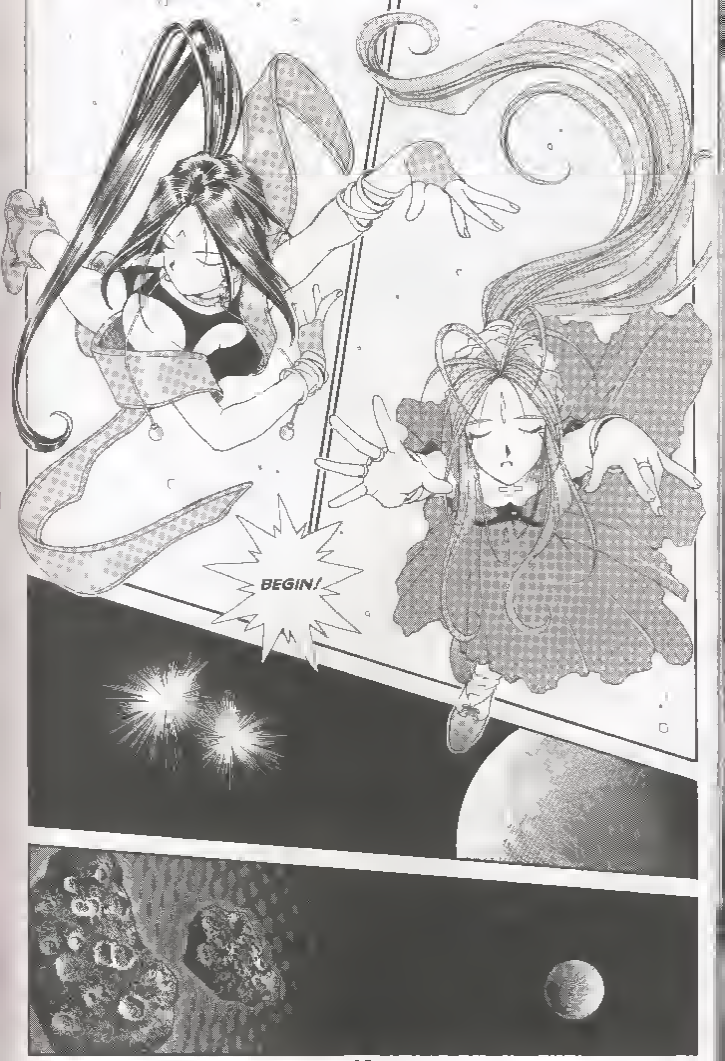
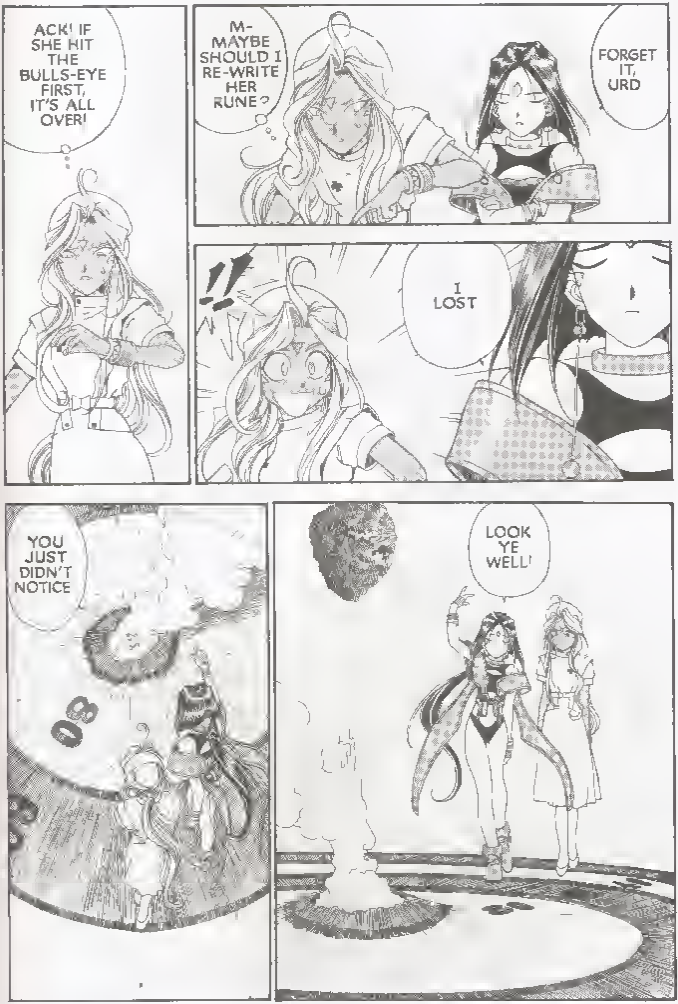
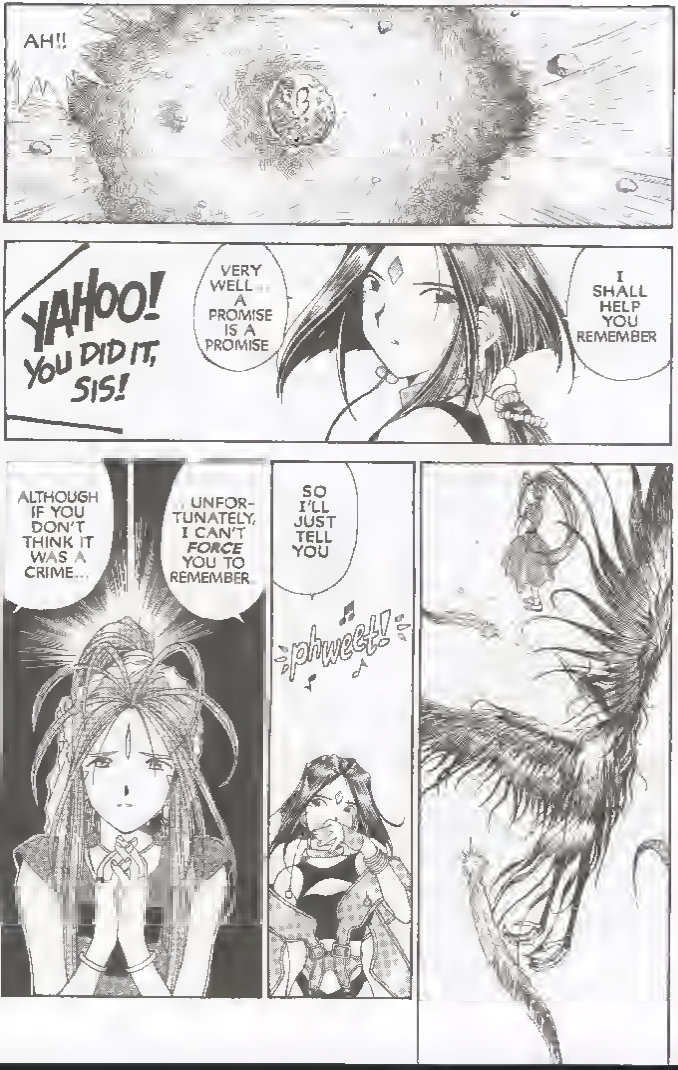

CHALLENGE NUMBER THREE!
PINPOINT METEOR STRIKE!

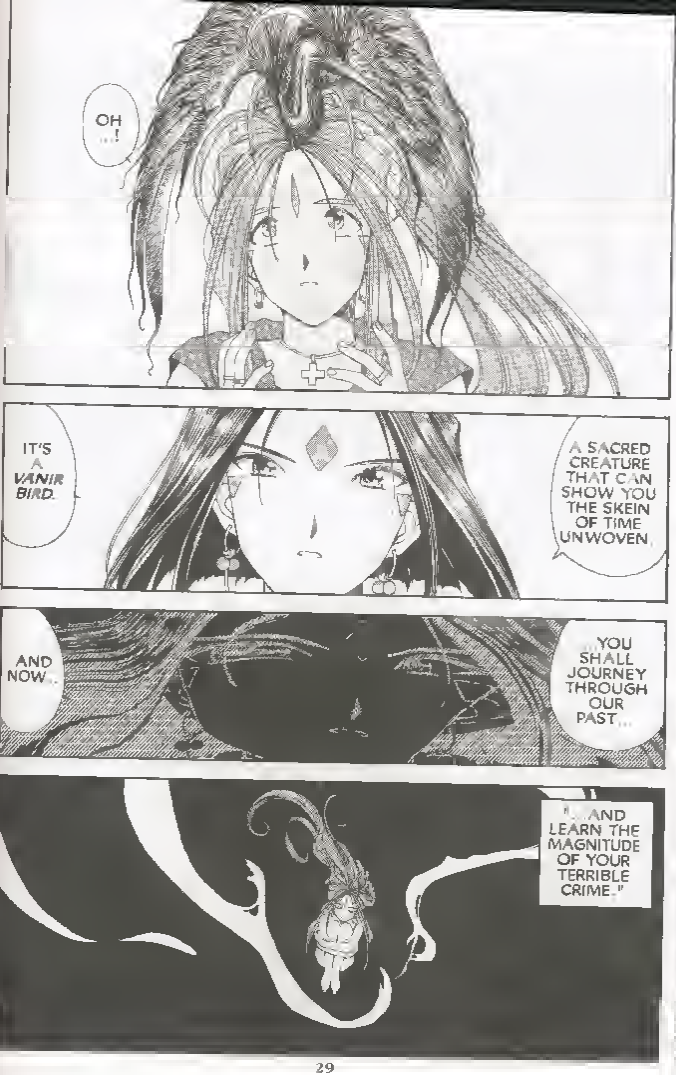

YOU SEEM AWFULLY HAPPY, URD—
YES! I LOVE THIS ONE! IT'S MY KIND OF GAME!
WHAM! CRASH!
THE BULLS-EYE IS ONE HUNDRED POINTS, AND EACH RING DROPS BY TWENTY FROM THE CENTER OUT!
EXCEPT
THE PLAYER WHO HITS THE BULLS-EYE FIRST RECEIVES A FORTY POINT BONUS!

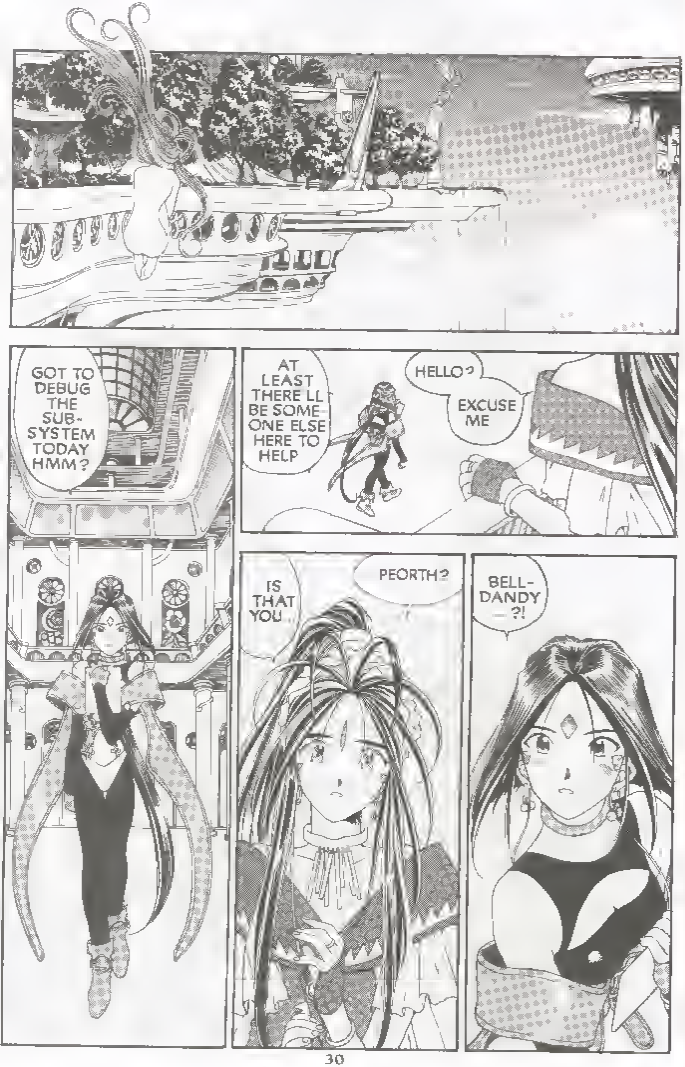

BEGIN!

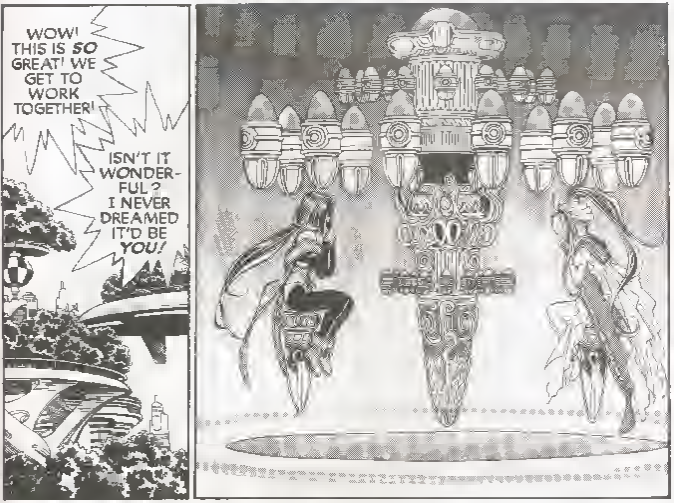
HMPH... SMALLER THAN I WOULD HAVE DONE!
WELL THEN- SO, WHO'S FIRST?
PEORTH'S RUNE?!

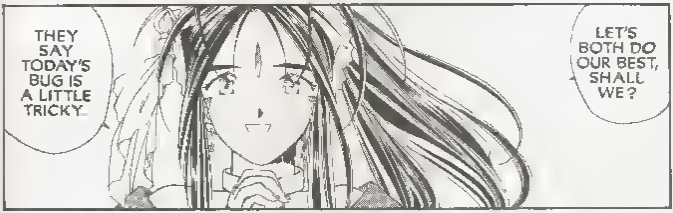

ACK! IF SHE HIT THE BULLS-EYE FIRST, IT'S ALL OVER!
M-MAYBE SHOULD I RE-WRITE HER RUNE?
FORGET IT, URD
!!
I LOST
YOU JUST DIDN'T NOTICE
LOOK YE WELL!

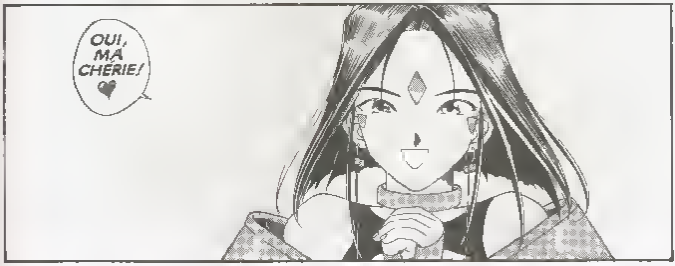

AH!!
YAHOO! YOU DID IT, SIS!
VERY WELL... A PROMISE IS A PROMISE
I SHALL HELP YOU REMEMBER
ALTHOUGH IF YOU DON'T THINK IT WAS A CRIME...
UNFORTUNATELY, I CAN'T FORCE YOU TO REMEMBER
SO I'LL JUST TELL YOU
phweet!

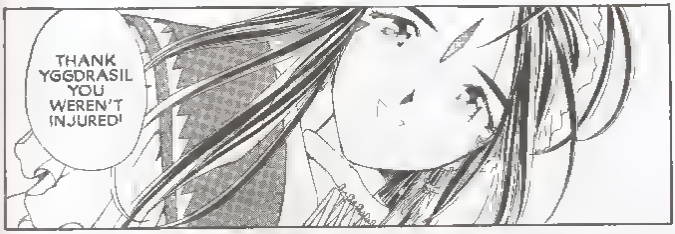

OH ...!
IT'S A VANIR BIRD.
A SACRED CREATURE THAT CAN SHOW YOU THE SKEIN OF TIME UNWOVEN.
AND NOW...
...YOU SHALL JOURNEY THROUGH OUR PAST...
"...AND LEARN THE MAGNITUDE OF YOUR TERRIBLE CRIME."

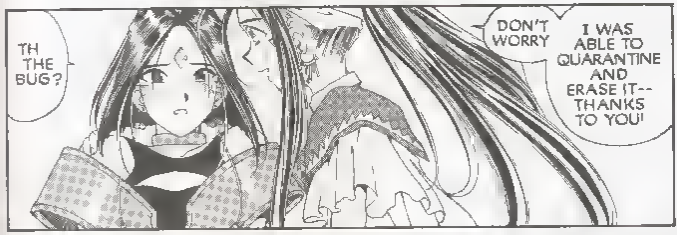

GOT TO DEBUG THE SUB-SYSTEM TODAY HMM?
AT LEAST THERE LL BE SOME-ONE ELSE HERE TO HELP
HELLO?
EXCUSE ME
IS THAT YOU..
PEORTH?
BELL-DANDY —?!

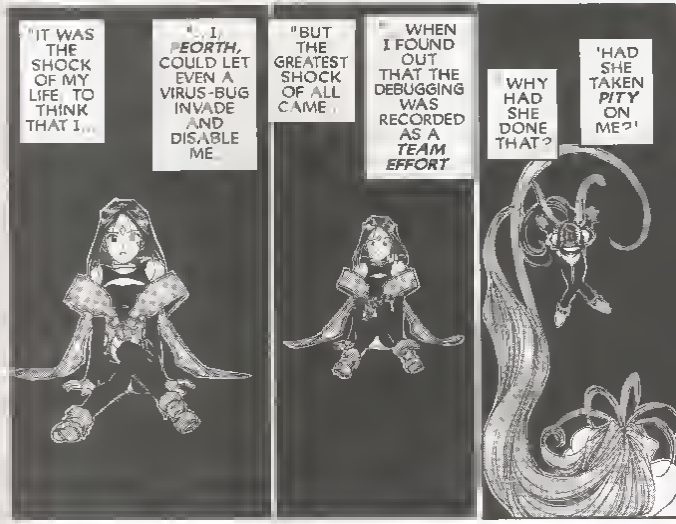

WOW! THIS IS SO GREAT! WE GET TO WORK TOGETHER!
ISN'T IT WONDER-FUL? I NEVER DREAMED IT'D BE YOU!

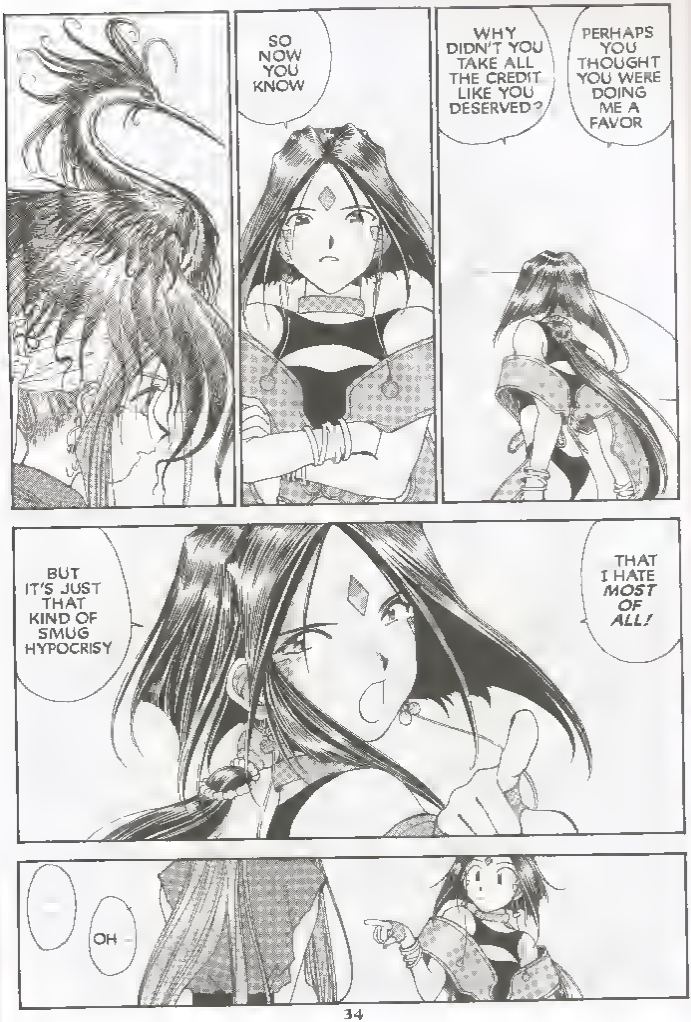

THEY SAY TODAY'S BUG IS A LITTLE TRICKY...
LET'S BOTH DO OUR BEST, SHALL WE?

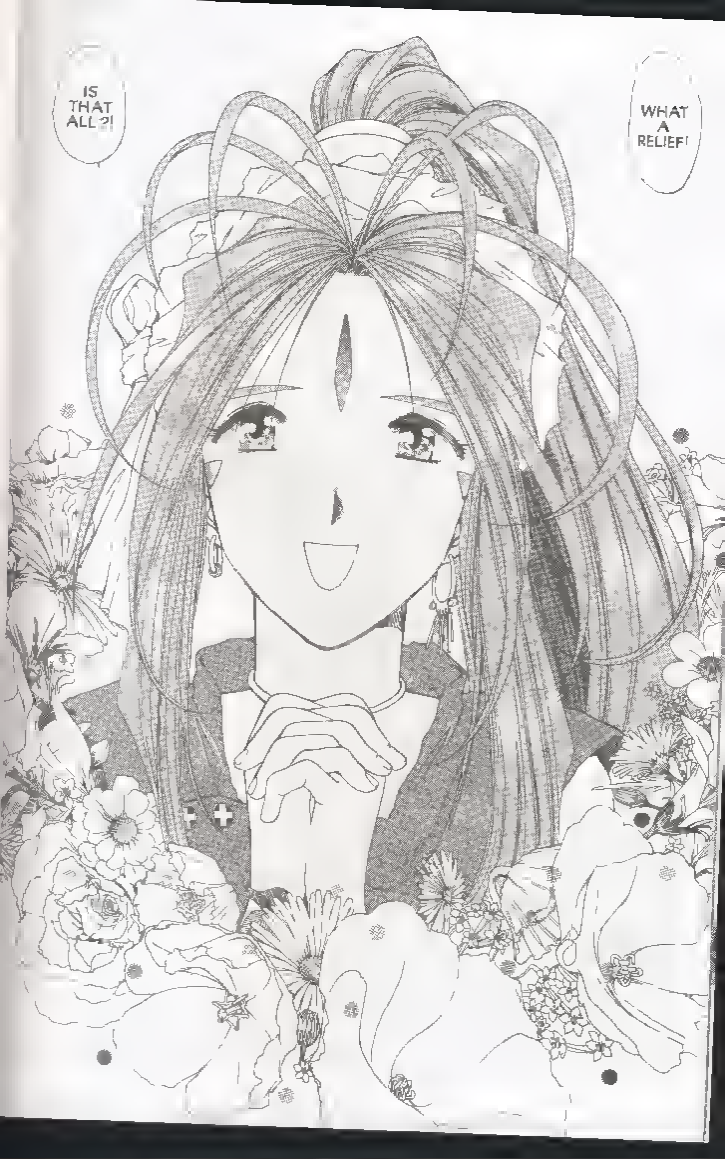

OUI, MA CHERIE!

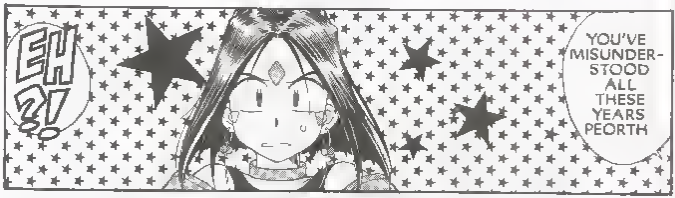

THANK YGGDRASIL YOU WEREN'T INJURED!

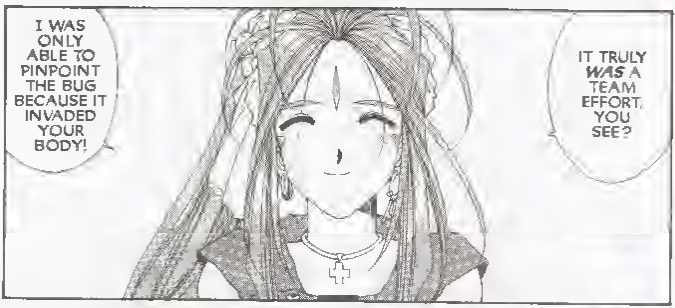

TH THE BUG?
DON'T WORRY
I WAS ABLE TO QUARANTINE AND ERASE IT-- THANKS TO YOU!

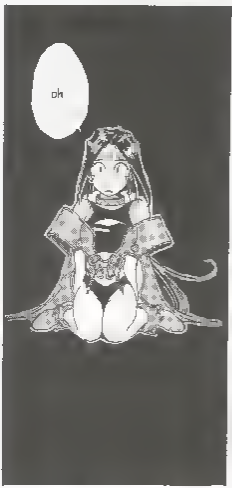

"IT WAS THE SHOCK OF MY LIFE. TO THINK THAT I...
"...I, *EORTH*, COULD LET EVEN A VIRUS-BUG INVADE AND DISABLE ME.
"BUT THE GREATEST SHOCK OF ALL CAME...
"WHEN I FOUND OUT THAT THE DEBUGGING WAS RECORDED AS A *TEAM EFFORT*
WHY HAD SHE DONE THAT?
'HAD SHE TAKEN *PITY* ON ME?'

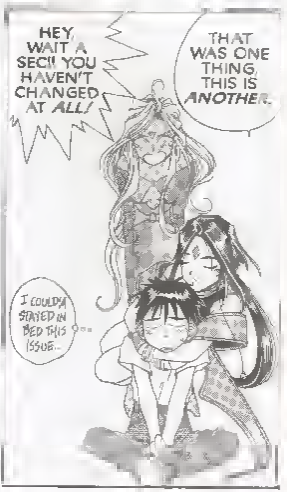

SO NOW YOU KNOW
WHY DIDN'T YOU TAKE ALL THE CREDIT LIKE YOU DESERVED?
PERHAPS YOU THOUGHT YOU WERE DOING ME A FAVOR
BUT IT'S JUST THAT KIND OF SMUG HYPOCRISY
THAT I HATE MOST OF ALL!
OH


IS THAT ALL?!
WHAT A RELIEF!









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IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT!
WH-WHAT IS?!
WHAT DO YOU MEAN "WHAT IS"?!
WHAT IS WHAT?

SAYYY... MAYBE YOU'RE ACTUALLY ENJOYING HAVING PEOITH CRAWLING ALL OVER YOU ALL THE TIME?!
NO! NOT ME! NOT!
THEN HURRY UP AND GET RID OF HER
DON'T YOU CARE ABOUT BELL-DANDY'S FEELINGS?!
OR MAYBE YOU'VE FORGOTTEN ABOUT THE POWER
...OF THAT GIRL'S JEALOUSY STORMS?
THIS BLACKNESS WELLING UP IN MY HEART...
UNDER STAND NOW...

EXCUSE ME! I'LL BE RIGHT BACK
TAKE YOUR TIME HON

...!
UH-OH! URD'S RIGHT!
IT SURE LOOKS LIKE A JEALOUSY STORM!
THAT'S WHAT'S BEEN BOTHERING ME!
I FORGOT TO HAVE A 'WELCOME TO EARTH' PARTY FOR PEORTH!
A LITTLE LATE NOW BUT NEVER MIND!
HUH?

YOUR HEART'S DESIRE?
YOU'VE GOT TO TELL ME PEORTH! WHAT EXACTLY DO I NEED TO SAY TO YOU?!
UH
WHAT ODD THINGS YOU ASK, KEIICHI
ISN'T YOUR 'HEART'S DESIRE' SUPPOSED TO COME FROM DEEP INSIDE YOU?
IN FACT UNLESS THE REQUEST CAN BE CROSS-VERIFIED INTERNALLY BETWEEN THE HEART AND MIND OF THE CLIENT THE SYSTEM WON'T EVEN UPLOAD IT NO MATTER WHAT YOU SAY
STILL

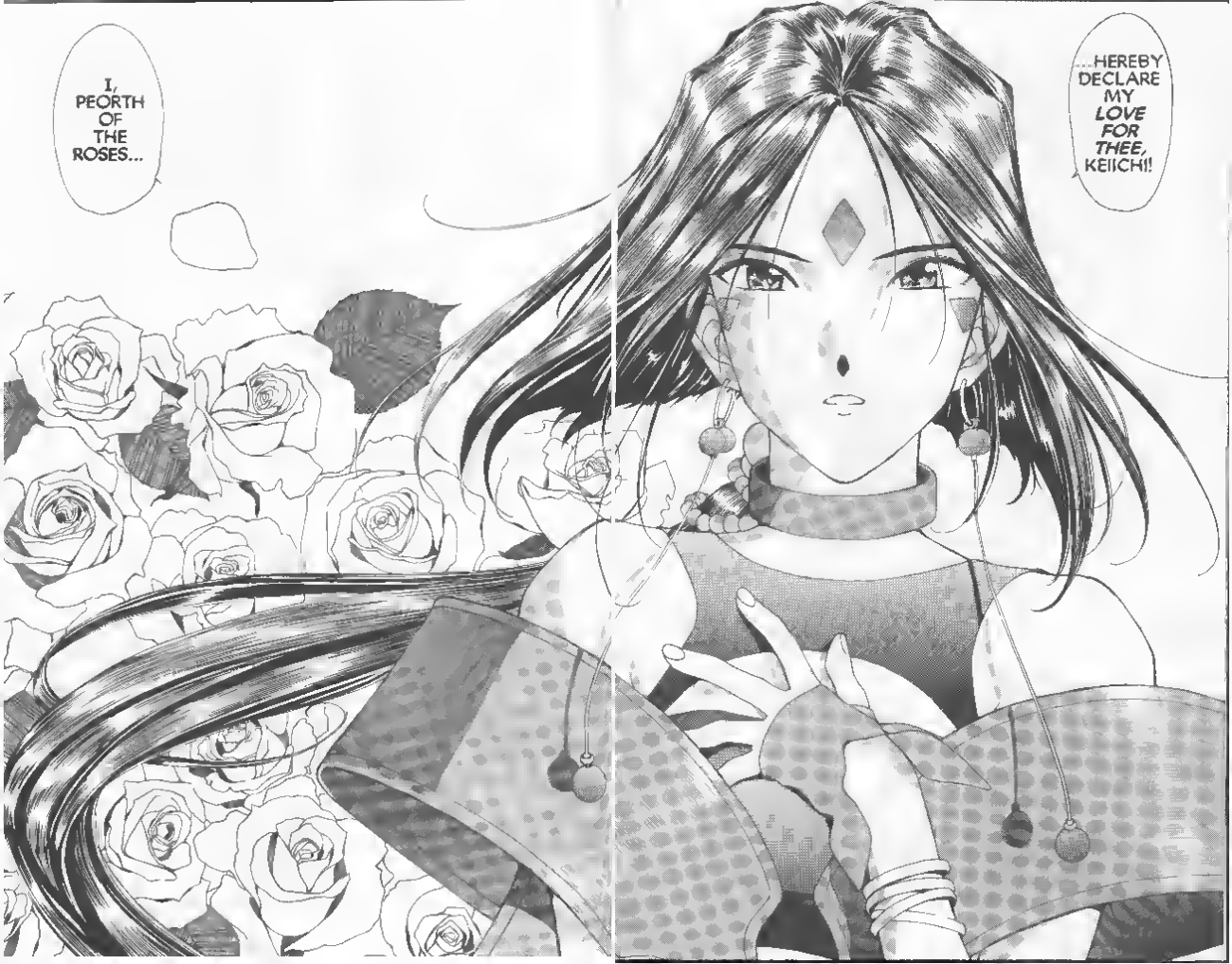
THE WAY THINGS HAVE BEEN GOING, THIS WILL NEVER END.
SO ONE HINT, MON CHERI
THE DRAFTING DESK IN YOUR ROOM ?
LOOK IN THE BACK OF THE SECOND DRAWER
LESSEE MY DRAFTING DESK....
MUST BE THIS ONE
SECOND DRAWER ... IN THE BACK

GACK! SHE MEANS THIS?!
?
REORTH!
YOU CALL THIS A HINT?!
ALL NUDE
HOT BABES!
ADULT VIDEOS RATED!
YOU GOT IT!
OUI OUI...

WH-WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO TELL ME?! HUH? WHAT?!
BE MORE HONEST WITH YOUR-SELF, KEIICHI, DEAR
THAT'S ALL I'M SAYING YOU SEE ...?
YEAH
YEAH I SEE
FINALLY
YOU CAME HERE TO SATISFY MY SEXUAL DESIRES
AM I RIGHT ...?

AH?! MA DEESSE! DON'T TELL ME YOU DIDN'T YOU REALLY DIDN'T ?!
SO LET'S DO IT!! SPEAK YOUR HEART AND I AM YOURS!!
WELL, WHAT-EVER
YOU UNDER-STAND NOW
NO
WH-- WH-- WHA--?!
NO MEANS NO, PEORTH
DOING THAT WHEN THERE'S NO LOVE INVOLVED
I JUST CAN'T MANAGE HUMBLE, MUTTER

SO YOU SAY 'NO LOVE
"NO GO."
YEP
YOU THINK THERE'S NO LOVE BETWEEN US?
IS THIS WHAT YOU'RE SAYING TO ME?
WHAT DO *YOU* THINK?
I SEE WELL IN THAT CASE
THERE'S ONLY ONE THING TO DO


I, PEORTH OF THE ROSES...
...HEREBY DECLARE MY *LOVE FOR THEE,* KEIICHI!

WELL ?
IS THAT ALL YOU NEEDED TO HEAR?
?
W WAIT A SEC!
HELLO?! EARTH TO KEIICHI!

BACK WHEN BELLDANDY SAID THAT GODDESSES NEVER LIE.
URD AND SKULD ARE JUST GODDESSES SECOND-CLASS SO I DON'T KNOW ABOUT THEM
BUT FOR PEORTH A GODDESS FIRST-CLASS, TO TELL A LIE !
HMM... IT APPEARS THERE'S BEEN A MISUNDER-STANDING
AIEE! DON'T TELL ME--?!
BUT IF SO... THEN MAYBE I CAN USE IT!
SO, KEIICHI! YOUR REQUEST ..?!

"I WANT YOU
TO SATISFY MY HEART'S DESIRE!
ER
DID I DO THAT RIGHT? OR--
ELK

SHLEAM
YEEK!
W-WAIT! STOP!
I I CHANGED MY MIND!!
FSSH

NO!!
STOP!!
YOUR REQUEST...
HAS BEEN APPROVED!

oh...
AND SO...
IT'S TIME FOR ME TO SATISFY YOUR HEART'S DESIRE!
YAHEE!

YOU DON'T HAVE TO RUN FROM ME...
FWAP
"...KEIICHI..."
AARG! I'M SUCH A FOOL!
OH, KEIICHI! I--
YOW!!
EEKT
FWHDD

I'M SORRY!
I'M OKAY
BUT WHAT ABOUT YOU?
DIDN'T YOU HIT YOUR MOUTH ON THE DOOR?
I... or
I IT...
IT'S FUH-FUH-FINE!

I SAW...
YOUUU!
WHOOPS! FORGOT I'M A FUGITIVE!
C'MON, BELL! WE GOTTA BEAT IT!
?!
Y-YES DEAR!
BRMMBBB
QUICK! WE GOTTA GO GO!
OKAY, I'M READY!

VRMMMMMMMMM
WELL, THE BOY SURE CAN RUN!
!!
BELLDANDY'S BIKE FOR GOING TO THE CORNER SHOPS
Be Not of This Earth!
Let There Be the Wind.

As the wings of Eaglet!
AND NOW
AFTER THEM!
WHSSSHHH
SKREEWISSH
BWA HA HA HA HA!
C'EST LE COMMENCEMENT DE LA FIN!
FAA

-PHEW!-
THAT WAS TOO CLOSE
VRMBB
I'M SAFE FOR NOW BUT WHA--
!!
?!
HA
HA
HA
HA
HA
IT IT CAN'T BE...?!
KEICHI!
WHSSH
WHSSH
I SHALL SATE YOUR BURNING LUST!!
WHOSE?! NOT MINE!!

KEIICHI! WHAT ON EARTH DID YOU DO TO PEORTH?!
I DIDN'T DO ANY-THING!
JUST MY WISH
YOUR WISH ...?
WHSSH
CAN'T WE TALK ABOUT THIS LATER?!
VERY WELL... I'LL TAKE CARE OF PEORTH.
Fix Your Gaze Upon the Fairiese Star.
Bend Your Ear to the Fairiese Whisper.

AVE!
BWA HA HA! NOW I KNOW YOUR DARK DESIRES, KEIICHI!
In this instant, all the dimensions overfold
And Guide Her Into the World of the Small!
BOM
HUH?!
NGRRR!
BELL-DANDY!
YOU
NNNGG
GRRRRR
YOU'RE PRETTY DAMN GOOD!

SWITCHING TO THE ▲ RESERVE TANK.

OH MAN WHAT CAN I DO?
ROBO. BOY
CORDLESS
KEIICHI ?
YEAH?
WHAT YOU SAID ABOUT YOUR WISH

TH-THAT? HA HA!
AH— I WAS JUST_
"BE MORE HONEST WITH YOUR-SELF_"
SHE'S RIGHT IF I DENY IT I'D BE LYING
I HAVE TO ADMIT IT'S POSSIBLE THAT EVEN BELLDANDY WANTS MORE
I MEAN IT'S NOT LIKE SHE'S DELIBERATELY PUTTING ME OFF
IT'S JUST I DUNNO THERE'S SOMETHING THAT KEEPS ME FROM TAKING THE LAST STEP
EVEN WHEN I KNOW SHE LOVES ME

BUT DO I REALLY KNOW THAT--?
KEIICHI--?
BELL WOULD YOU
IF I
IF I JUST MAYBE--???
BTAM
HEH, HEH YOU CALL THIS A HIDE-OUT?!
REMEMBER? TAMIYA GAVE ME THE GRAND TOUR
I KNOW ALL THE LITTLE HIDEY-HOLES ON THIS CAMPUS

AND NOW KEIICHI
IT'S TIME FOR ME TO FULFILL YOUR WISH!
N-NO! HELP!! AIEE!!
STOP IT, PEORTH!
DON'T TORTURE HIM ANY MORE!
"TORTURE HIM"...?
YOU'RE THE ONE TORTURING HIM, HERE!

LOOK BELL-DANDY KEIICHI IS A MAN
PERHAPS YOU'VE FORGOT-TEN THAT?
I FEEL SORRY FOR KEIICHI IF YOU'RE ONLY HERE OUT OF A SENSE OF DUTY
AREN'T YOU A GODDESS FIRST-CLASS ?
ENOUGH PEORTH!
I'M--
IT IS NOT DUTY
IF IT WAS JUST DUTY IT IT WOULDN'T HURT SO MUCH
I

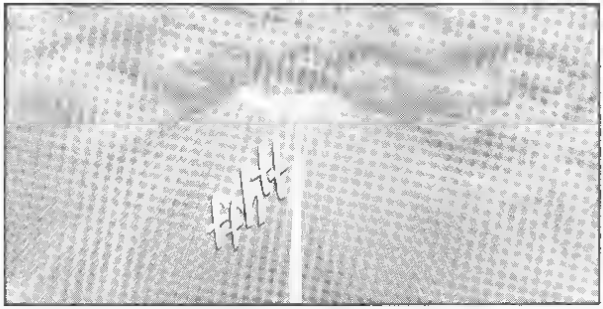
I'M HERE
...BECAUSE I LOVE HIM

I...
I...
THAT'S OKAY, BELL.
EVERYTHING'S OKAY NOW YOU SEE-- YOU'VE GRANTED MY HEART'S DESIRE
OH OH KEIICHI!

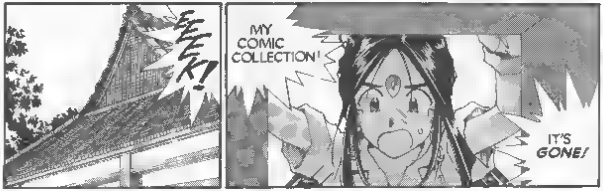
THANKS, PEORTH THOSE WORDS SATISFY ME
I DON'T NEED ANYTHING MORE
OF COURSE
?
I ALWAYS KNEW.
HELLO? PEORTH HERE

MY MISSION'S OVER SO I'LL BE HEADING BACK
BUT, YOU KNOW, KEIICHI
KCHAK
YOU MISSED OUT I REALLY DO HAVE A REPUTATION FOR THE VERY BEST OF SERVICE
SHAAK
PEORTH
EVEN THOUGH I DOUBT WE WILL EVER MEET AGAIN
MERCI BEAUCOUP FOR CHOOSING ME

PEORTH?! YOU SET ALL THIS UP...
JUST TO MAKE ME SAY THAT?!
OH BELL-DANDY, BELL-DANDY!
THERE'S SOMETHING VERY PURE AND SPECIAL ABOUT YOU, YOU KNOW?
IT'S QUITE ANNOYING
AND YET, WHEN I FEEL IT...
...I JUST CAN'T HATE YOU ANY-MORE



WAS THIS HER WAY OF REPAYING ME FOR ALL THE TROUBLE SHE CAUSED OVER THAT OLD MISUNDER-STANDING...?


EEK!
MY COMIC COLLECTION!
IT'S GONE!

OOPS...
NOW HOW AM I GONNA GET NEXT MONTH'S ISSUE...?
"OR WAS IT BECAUSE OF..."
"...HOW SHE FEELS ABOUT KEIICHI...?"
NEXT ISSUE "CHILDHOOD'S END"